

We have welcomed a number of new faces to the committee this Municipal Year, both new and more experienced Members and I look forward to working with all to deliver the Scrutiny function in Burnley.

At our first meeting we were pleased to receive two presentations. The first outlined the procedures involved in drawing up and securing Section 106 Agreements related to certain planning applications. It was most helpful for members to understand the background and legislative requirements.

We also received the Annual Update Presentation from one of the Council's Strategic Delivery Partners, Liberata. Ian Brotheridge informed Members of the progress made against the milestones in the contract. Now a quarter of the way through the contract, it was good to see some strong performance against the KPIs, and delivery of milestones – especially jobs created through the contract.

The Final Budget Outturn report - which outlined the end of year position in both Capital and Revenue Budgets and a slightly revised 2018/19 Capital budget following some scheme slippage - and the Treasury Management Statement for 2017/18 were presented by the Finance Team. The Committee will continue to review the quarterly budget monitoring reports and other financial updates throughout the year.

The year-end performance report indicated the majority of indicators were at or above target, yet again showing that the Council continues to deliver good services to residents despite ongoing budget pressures.

The Dementia Review Group will meet over the Summer to review progress to date, and map out a constructive way forward, and we look forward to our new Committee Members engaging with this process. The Committee also discussed revisiting the outcomes of the Railway Review, to see what progress has been made at Manchester Road Station since the review was completed.

Alongside this, a number of potential topics for future review were identified by the committee, one of these being the forthcoming expansion of UCLAN's operations and increased student numbers in Burnley, and the opportunities and challenges this may bring. Since our meeting I have been advised that UCLAN will be producing a Social and Economic Impact Report, which will come to Scrutiny later in the year. Other potential topics will undergo further consideration and scoping before being prioritised into the Work Plan or developed into Review Groups.

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Chair of Scrutiny