

Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 6 December 2022

Summary of Comments made on the Cabinet Agenda for Wednesday 7 December 2022

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee raised a general concern that subsequent to it becoming responsible for what was much of the remit of the former Finance & Audit Scrutiny Committee, Members had found the volume of items requiring attention had significantly increased. A consensus was that this led to less effective scrutiny and was no longer tenable.

The Chair, Overview & Scrutiny Committee was asked to inform Cabinet of these concerns and to request that officers should be asked to review the situation and provide options for improvement going forward.

5 Quarter 2 Budget Report

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee thanked officers for their work and noted the report. Concerns were raised about the continuing issues relating to staff recruitment. Whilst these issues meant that the Council's budget position had improved, recruitment had not.

8 Draft Local Transport Plan – Consultation Response

The Labour Group had called this report in for scrutiny but the Overview & Scrutiny Committee Chair decided that because it did not concern a Warwick District Council policy, but instead was for a response from this Council to a County Council consultation exercise, a better approach would be for Councillor Cullinan to consult with officers and bring forward to Overview & Scrutiny Committee proposals for comments to be made to Cabinet.

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee:

1. Requested that the report should clarify that the reference to road planning in planning applications related to safety assessments and not the planning of routes.
2. The Council should make clear in its response that it is supportive of the proposals on pedestrian active travel rather than giving no comment.

9 HEART Shared Service Partnership

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee thanked officers for their work. Members noted that it was a complicated service to get right and recognised that it was heading in the right direction.

Corrections were required to reflect the reasons for the underperformance at that time at 1.3.1 in the report.

The Committee welcomed the commitment to some form of a continued Break Clause in the contract going forward.

13 Asylum Seekers Dispersal Scheme

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