



**Report to:** Cabinet 27 June 2023

**Lead Cabinet Members:** All

**From:** Councillor Graham Cone, Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee  
Councillor Stephen Drew, Vice-Chair of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee

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## Update from Scrutiny and Overview Committee

### Purpose

1. This report informs Cabinet about the outcome of discussion among members of the Scrutiny and Overview Committee at the meeting on 8 June 2023 and asks it to consider in particular paragraphs 3 and 5.

### **South Cambridgeshire Community Safety Partnership - Operational Plan 2023/24**

2. Having received and discussed the draft Cabinet report and having heard from the Lead Cabinet Member for Communities and operational officers, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee supported by affirmation the recommendations to be considered by Cabinet on 27 June 2023.
3. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee
  - a. Asks that Cabinet considers the incorporation into the Operational Plan of relevant lessons learned from previous 'deep dives' at new communities such as Northstowe.
  - b. Welcomes an assurance from the Lead Cabinet Member for Communities that unavoidable jargon and acronyms in this and future versions of the Operational Plan will be clearly defined, for example in a glossary of terms.
  - c. Welcomes an assurance from the Lead Cabinet Member for Resources that the existing allocated sum of £15,000 in South Cambridgeshire District Council's budget will continue to be available for community safety and asks that Cabinet formally confirms that said sum will be inflation proofed.

## **2022-23 Quarter Four Performance Report**

4. Having considered a report, Key Performance Indicator (KPI) results, an overview of the Contact Centre's recent mystery shopper exercise, and progress against Business Plan actions, and having heard from the Lead Cabinet Members for Resources and Communities, Heads of Services and the operational officer, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee supported by affirmation the report to be considered by Cabinet on 27 June 2023.
5. The Scrutiny and Overview Committee
  - a. Welcomes an assurance from officers that they will explore ways of presenting graphical information in a way that enables it to identify trends while at the same time respecting the more strategic requirements of Cabinet and asks that Cabinet understands why some kind of compromise is appropriate.
  - b. Applauds the achievement of the measure and target for 2022-23 against Action D3 in the Business Plan (Generate income through delivering the Council's Investment Strategy).

## **Draft Annual Equality Scheme Review**

6. Having reviewed the draft Equality Scheme revision for 2023-24 and the 2022-23 Equality Scheme action plan progress report and having heard from the Lead Cabinet Member responsible for Equality and Diversity, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee supported by affirmation the report to be considered by Cabinet on 27 June 2023.
7. Scrutiny and Overview Committee members
  - a. Welcome the inclusion of a national context and an assurance that, moving forward, further comparisons, such as age, will be identified with the local position in terms of both percentages and actual numbers.
  - b. Encourage the identification of new sources of data as they emerge, and that the presentation of trends would be helpful.
  - c. Acknowledge the importance of working with partners to tackle those situations where local data compares unfavourably with the national context, such as in the case of stop-and-search and the gender pay gap.

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