

REPORT TO: Cabinet 4 March 2020

LEAD MEMBER: Councillor Grenville Chamberlain, Chairman, Scrutiny and Overview Committee and Councillor Brian Milnes, Vice Chairman, Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Update from Scrutiny and Overview Committee

Purpose

1. This report is to inform Cabinet of the discussions and recommendations agreed by the Scrutiny and Overview Committee at its meeting of 13 February 2020, which Cabinet may wish to consider in its decision making.

Community Safety Partnership Review and Action Planning 2019-21

2. The committee received an update on the work of the Community Safety Partnership.
3. The committee heard about how the CSP has worked hard to make sure it remains fit for purpose in a changing landscape. Examples were given of CSP work that had delivered benefit, such as work on modern slavery and initiatives to raise awareness of county lines. The benefits of the relationships developed between organisations through their involvement in the CSP were outlined.
4. The committee will be inviting the CSP Chairman to attend a future Scrutiny and Overview Committee meeting.

Proposed Allocation Policy for the distribution of faith/community land at Northstowe

5. The committee considered and commented on the proposed allocation policy for faith/community land at Northstowe. Following an in-depth discussion, the committee indicated its support for Cabinet's endorsement of the proposed policy.

2019-20 Quarter Three Performance Report

6. The committee considered and commented on the Q3 Performance Report.
7. Committee members noted the very good performance in relation to bins collected on schedule and tenant satisfaction with responsive repairs.

2019/20 Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring

8. The committee considered the latest monitoring data and trends in respect of 2019/20 revenue and capital budgets and emerging budget issues.
9. Committee members were pleased to see that offering a second green bin for which there was a collection charge, had been so popular with residents.
10. The committee was content that performance was on track and noted the report.

Conservative Group Budget Proposal for 2020/21

11. The committee considered the Conservative group budget proposal for 2020/21.
12. Some concern regarding the support for Olympic athletes preparing for the next Olympic games was raised. Concern related to the potential of privileging this small group of people over a wider group.
13. The committee did not indicate whether it supported this proposal.

Town Centre Development – Northstowe Phases 1 and 2

14. The committee considered this item in confidential session.
15. The committee indicated its support for the proposals and endorsed the recommendations to Cabinet.

Investment Partnerships: Legal Agreements

16. The committee considered this item in confidential session.
17. Although some concerns were raised by committee members, the committee indicated its support for the proposals.

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