

28 April 2022

Feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Portfolios: All

Wards: All

1. Summary of report

This report provides a short summary of the activity of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

2. Recommendation

That, subject to any comments Members may wish to make, the feedback from Overview and Scrutiny Committees be noted.

3. Report

Children's Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee considered an item on children at risk of exploitation and the arrangements in Walsall to support those children at risk of exploitation. As the response to this issue is a partnership approach, all partners were invited to attend and address the committee. There was representation from:

- Independent Scrutineer of the Safeguarding Partnership
- Street Teams
- Walsall CCG
- Mental Health Trust – accepted
- West Midlands Police
- Violence Reduction Unit.
- Principal Exploitation Reduction Officer
- Children's Services.

Consideration was also given to the Safeguarding Partnership Annual report 2020-2021 which detailed the partnership response to safeguarding children. The Committee were informed of the successes and the areas of improvement.

Education Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 31 March 2022 and considered:

- Education Welfare Service
- School Admissions

Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

At the last meeting on 14 April the Committee discussed progress on:

- Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure
- Bonfire Night Proposals
- The Willenhall Framework Plan.

Members also discussed several items for consideration in the next municipal year including the Black Country Plan, Phoenix 10 and West Midland Local Transport Plan.

8 Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee meets on 21st April to consider the redevelopment of Bloxwich Hospital and the re-shaping of the service offer across Goscote all age hub.

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