

COMMITTEE BUSINESS REPORT

Background

1. This report sets out a summary of the Committee's business since September 2017. This includes:
 - A correspondence pack attached at **Appendices A-D**;
 - An updated Work Programme 2017/18 attached as **Appendix E** for information;
 - An update on the joint Inquiry into Drugs and Knife Crime in Cardiff; and
 - An update from the Committee's Performance Panel.

Correspondence update

2. Attached as Appendices A – D are letters from the Committee to Cabinet Members and the corresponding responses;
 - **Appendix A** – Cardiff & Vale Draft Dementia Strategy Consultation – September 2017
 - **Appendix B** – Quarter 1 Performance – Housing & Communities Portfolio – September 2017
 - **Appendix C** – Quarter 1 Performance – Social Care, Health & Well-Being Portfolio – September 2017
 - **Appendix D** – Proposal to Develop a Regional Social Care Training Unit for Cardiff & the Vale of Glamorgan – October 2017

Work Programme 2017/18

3. In September 2017, Members agreed the Committee's work programme for 2017/18. Since agreeing the work programme, there have been some changes arising from the Cabinet Forward Plan, affecting Items that will be subject to pre-decision scrutiny. With this in mind, attached as **Appendix E** is an updated Work Programme for Members information.

Joint Scrutiny Inquiry – Drugs and Knife Crime

4. In September 2017, Members agreed to take part in a joint Scrutiny Inquiry with the Children & Young People Scrutiny Committee looking at the effects of drug dealing, gang related and knife crime on young people in Cardiff. Councillors McGarry and Kelloway from this Committee sit on the Task Group.
5. As this Committee is responsible for the scrutiny of crime and disorder, it was agreed that part of the Inquiry would include looking at the working arrangements of the Safer & Cohesive Communities Work stream of the PSB in relation to this issue.
6. The Terms of Reference for the Inquiry are to:

Identify & Investigate

- The contributing factors that give rise to young people becoming involved in gang related drug dealing & knife crime in the city
- The positive contributing factors that communities can put in place to protect and prevent young people becoming involved gang related drug dealing & knife crime in the city
- Determine the effectiveness of current policies and services in protecting and preventing young people becoming involved gang related drug dealing & knife crime in the city
- Identify good practice
- Determine how best statutory agencies can work with communities to ensure they are informed about services and support available and are confident to report concerns
- Make recommendations to be taken forward to the Safer & Cohesive Communities Programme Board

7. To date, the Task Group has met twice, discussing how they wish to conduct the Inquiry. The next meeting of the Task Group is the 20th December 2017. The Group has agreed to hear from a range of witnesses in a number of “round table” discussions in January; and will be conducting 2 surveys - one with communities affected by drug dealing; and the other with young people, with input from the Cardiff Youth Council.
8. It is anticipated that this Inquiry will take place until the end of February 2018, with the report being considered by both Committees in March 2018.

CASSC Performance Panel

9. Councillors McGarry and Lent met on the 29th November 2017 to consider Q2 Performance. They wish to report that there are no significant performance issues in either Adult Social Services or Communities, Housing & Customer Services.

Way Forward

10. During the meeting, Members may wish to:
 - reflect on the correspondence schedule, attached at **Appendices A-D**;
 - Note the updated Work Programme attached at **Appendix E**;
 - Note progress to date on the Drugs and Knife Crime Inquiry; and
 - Raise any issues in relation to Q2 Performance, as scrutinised by the Performance Panel.

Legal Implications

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters

under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

12. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Reflect on the correspondence schedule, attached at **Appendices A - D**;
- ii. Note the updated Work Programme 2017/18 attached at **Appendix E**;
- iii. Note progress to date on the Drugs and Knife Crime Inquiry; and
- iv. Raise any issues in relation to Q2 Performance, as scrutinised by the Performance Panel.

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