

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING – 22 JULY 2015

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On this occasion the Scrutiny Committee met on Tuesday 23 June 2015.

The first item considered by the committee was the **South Ribble Partnership – summary 2014/15**. The committee commended the report and the answers to the committee's questions. It was interested in the Health Care Close to Home project and requested a report/information on the partnership's targeting of non-users of services. The committee asked to be kept updated on the Co-Location Project. It commended the partnership's work and progress over the last 12 months. The committee felt the partnership should further consider and plan as a priority its future financial sustainability.

The next item looked at by the committee was the **Performance, Budget and Risk monitoring report – year end 2014/15 (April 2014 – March 2015)**. The committee congratulated the Council on its performance during 2014/15 and the significant efficiencies achieved. When available it looks forward to receiving the waste and recycling figures for 2014/15. The committee asked in respect of the revised Corporate Plan that it was SMART (specific, measurable, achievable, realistic and time bound) and be presented to the committee at draft stage. It welcomed the Leader's assurance and update that a new strategy was being developed to fill the council's empty property assets. The committee requested this council learns from other councils in Lancashire to try and increase the amount of affordable housing. It requested an update be provided on the land acquisition at Wesley Street Mill. The committee welcomed the news that enforcement activities were being reviewed in this year's business transformation programme and requested more detailed information on dog fouling incidents. It looked forward to receiving an update on the future use of the preserved right to buy earmarked receipt and that it be involved in the council's development of options and solutions.

The committee then turned its attention to the Cabinet Response to the Scrutiny Reviews in respect of **Drainage & Flooding** and **Loneliness & Social Isolation**. The committee appreciated the responses by the Cabinet member for Cabinet member for Regeneration & Leisure to the drainage and flooding review's recommendations. It noted the withdrawal of the Cabinet response to the **Loneliness & Social Isolation** review's recommendations and, looked forward to receiving Cabinet's response to the recommendations.

The final item discussed by the committee was an **Update on Scrutiny Reviews and Scrutiny Matters**. Councillor Martin gave a verbal update on the meeting of the county council's Health Scrutiny Committee he attended on behalf of the Chairman. Members commented on the recent committee training session and that the forthcoming chairman training would be useful for task groups. The committee note both its forward plan and that of the Cabinet.

I hereby commend the report of the Scrutiny Committee to the Council.

COUNCILLOR MICK TITHERINGTON
CHAIRMAN, SCRUTINY COMMITTEE