

**SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEETING – 20 JANUARY 2016**  
**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

On this occasion the Scrutiny Committee met on Tuesday 8 December 2015.

Initially the committee looked at matters arising from its previous meetings and removed all items except those relating to Performance, Budget and Risk monitoring report – year end 2014/15 – min. no.5 (3, 6 & 7), Cabinet Member Update – Housing & Healthy Communities – min. no.13 (3), Cabinet Member Update – Corporate Support – min. no.27 (a) & (c) and Performance, Budget and Risk monitoring report – mid-year 2015/16 – min. no.28 (5).

The committee then welcomed the Cabinet member for Finance & Resources (Councillor Bennett) to receive an update on his portfolio. The committee looked forward to a report to the Governance Committee on Section 106 monies in the new year. It also looked forward to the Cabinet member convening as soon as possible the meeting to brief the My Neighbourhood Chairmen and Vice-chairmen on Section 106. The committee welcomed the offer to check the council's external audit fee with Grant Thornton. It looked forward to the Cabinet member providing re-assurance that the council's emergency planning arrangements were robust, particularly regarding flooding and storms. The committee welcomed the strategic asset review and appreciated the Cabinet member's offer to present the outcome of the review to the scrutiny committee. It commended the proposal to explain and train members on the council's finances and their respective roles.

Next on the agenda was the Corporate Plan, Budget and Risk Management Programme for 2016–2017 and the committee's circulated draft submission was slightly amended during the discussion and subsequently appended to the minutes of the meeting.

Finally the committee received an update on scrutiny matters. On behalf of the chairman, Councillor Mrs Blow had attended the county council's Health Scrutiny Committee and provided a verbal report. She indicated that the meeting had received a presentation from Healthwatch Lancashire and there had also been a discussion regarding the proposed closure of Calderstones Hospital. Councillor Mrs Ball informed the meeting that she and the chairman had attended a South Ribble Partnership Community, Faith & Voluntary Sector Event. Councillors Mrs B Nathan and Mrs Ball both updated the meeting on the committee's Health Steering Group and its Highways Task Group respectively. The committee noted 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