

SOUTH RIBBLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING – 16 NOVEMBER 2016
REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

On this occasion the Scrutiny Committee met on Tuesday 25 October 2016.

Initially the committee looked at matters arising from its previous meetings and it was agreed that the chairman write to the Leader and Chief Executive asking that Cabinet Members and the Senior Management Team to respond to Scrutiny recommendations more effectively in the future.

The next item looked at by the committee was the **Performance, Budget and Risk monitoring report – mid year 2016/17 (April 2016 – September 2017)**. The committee welcomed the Leader's offer to involve the Scrutiny Committee in the development of a SMART Corporate Plan and asked for robust targets to be developed to improve performance and accountability. The committee would be closely monitoring the council's efficiency target and asked that updates be provided in future reports, including new funding streams. The Committee requested that future performance reports be clearer and concentrate on the period to which the report relates to. It asked that a working plan for Worden Park be provided to the committee. It recommended that the council learned from other councils in tackling litter and dog fouling, including increasing the amount of enforcement and fixed penalty notices issued. The committee congratulated employees on the Customer Service Excellence and Investor in People Gold Accreditations. It looked forward to the Economic Development Learning Hour demonstrating the outcomes from the Council's investment in the Enterprise Team. The committee commended the former leader for her work on improvements to Leyland Railway Station and that of other partners. It recommended that greater communication on the work and outcomes of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership be provided to members. It commended the Sports Development Team for their work with schools. The committee requested that more information be provided in respect of Welfare Reform.

The committee then received an update on scrutiny matters.

Finally the committee highlighted the importance of working closely with the Cabinet to develop its and Cabinet's future forward plans/work programmes.

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

COUNCILLOR MICK TITHERINGTON
CHAIRMAN
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE