

Allerdale Borough Council

Council – 6 March 2019

**Allerdale Borough Council –
Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

The Reason for the Decision	This is the update report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
Summary of options considered	Not applicable.
Recommendations	That the report be noted.
Financial / Resource Implications	There are no direct implications.
Legal / Governance Implications	There are no direct implications.
Community Safety Implications	There are no direct implications.
Health and Safety and Risk Management Implications	There are no direct implications.
Equality Duty considered / Impact Assessment completed	Not required for this report.
Wards Affected	All
The contribution this decision would make to the Council's priorities	The role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee contributes to all Council Plan priorities.
Is this a Key Decision	No
Portfolio Holder	Not applicable
Lead Scrutiny Member	Councillor Alan Pitcher and Councillor Janet Farebrother (Co-Chairs)
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Report Implications (Please delete where applicable).

Community Safety	N	Employment (external to the Council)	N
Financial	N	Employment (internal)	N

Legal	N	Partnership	N
Social Inclusion	N	Asset Management	N
Equality Duty	N	Health and Safety	N

1.0 Portfolio Holder presentations to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

- 1.1 The meeting held 24 January included a presentation by the Executive Member for Transformation focusing on customer services, the work of IT and the new programme and projects work, together with a presentation by the Executive Member for Governance and People Resources which included the annual review of the Community Safety Partnership which the Committee is responsible for scrutinising.
- 1.2 The Executive Member for Corporate Resources (Property and Finance) presented her portfolio to the Committee on 15 February.
- 1.3 Committee members have found these presentations very informative in understanding the detail of individual portfolios.

There are two further meetings scheduled for presentations by the Executive Member for Economic Growth (22 March) and the Executive Member for Tourism and Culture (23 April).

2.0 Task Groups

- 2.1 The Budget Group recently met with the Executive Member for Corporate Resources (Property and Finance) to discuss the detail of the budget as presented to the Executive on 25 February.
- 2.2 The group was satisfied that the work undertaken in preparing the budget is comprehensive and robust.
- 2.3 The group also discussed the option that in future the process should more closely monitor the budget throughout the year. The group requested that they meet with the portfolio holder for finance throughout the year, following the model of the Review Group, set up by the current portfolio holder.

3.0 Call-in

- 3.1 The Committee has so far held two call-in meetings during the past year. As these meetings have been infrequent, the Committee increases its experience of the process with each meeting

3.2 The call-in heard on 30 January focused on the decision in minute no. 303 of the Executive meeting held 16 January 2019.

3.3 After questioning and debate, the Committee upheld the Executive decision.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 That the report be noted.

**Councillor Alan Pitcher and Councillor Janet Farebrother
Co-Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**