

Allerdale Borough Council

Council – 22 September 2021

Report from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Report from	Co-Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Wards affected	All
Is this a key decision	No

1.0 The reason for the decision

- 1.1** To update Council on the activities and recommendations of the Committee since the last meeting.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1** That Members note the content of the report.

3.0 Background and Introduction

- 3.1** This is a regular report that comes to each meeting of Council. The purpose of the report is to provide Council with an update and overview of the activities of the Committee
- 3.2** The work of the Committee is described in the paragraphs below. Any member wanting more information on any of the topics mentioned or to see reports or interim reports should contact the Policy Officer (Scrutiny and Partnerships).

4.0 Update on activities since last report

4.1 Referral from Council meeting 28 July 2021

At its meeting on 2 September the Committee considered the item referred from Council to examine the responses and actions resulting from the Local Government Ombudsman decision and associated concerns highlighted at the meeting.

The Committee determined that the matter of the Ombudsman finding was referred to Audit Committee to consider the deficiency that this finding may illustrate and that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should receive a report regarding the issues raised in

the referral then based on the findings decide what level of scrutiny of the provision is required.

4.2 Response to the Pandemic Task and Finish Group report

The Response to the Pandemic Task & Finish Group produced a summary report of its activities which include a number of recommendations to Executive/Council. A copy of the report is attached.

4.3 Outside body representative reports

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been considering update reports from the Council's representatives on other scrutiny groups and committees. This is to set the Committee's activities in the context of other scrutiny work which impacts on the work of the Council and local residents.

The Committee has also been seeking to ensure all the Council's representatives to outside bodies are providing a regular update on their activity and involvement, covering the breadth of the organisations benefiting from the Council's representatives and not just those specifically focused on scrutiny activity.

The Committee is yet to receive one report.

4.4 Strategic partner selection

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the proposed appointment of Mott McDonald as "strategic partner" and recommended to Executive that the terms of the appointment should include provision for Mott McDonald to give evidence to OSC and to Audit Committee when required.

4.5 Keswick Spa

The Committee reviewed decision to close the pool at Keswick Spa and will revisit the issue when plans for provision in Keswick are more advanced.

4.6 Future work programme

The future items being developed for this year's work programme include task and finish groups focusing on leisure provision, community leadership and local support for children and young people, which now are being refocused to consider the issues in the context of the recently announced Local Government Reorganisation proposals. As ever these groups are open to Members who are not Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Executive members.

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