

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

13 JANUARY 2020

RECOMMENDATIONS MONITORING REPORT

Recommendation(s) Including Date of Meeting and Minute Number	Actions Taken and Outcome	Completed, follow- up work required or added to Work Programme
<p>Date of meeting: 7 October 2019 Minute number: 78 Scrutiny of Elements of Community Safety Recommendation; that this Committee recommends to Cabinet that it looks favourably on any application received for achieving the same level of high visibility policing over the summer in 2020 in Clacton Town Centre as has been provided in 2018 and 2019. This level of high visibility Policing had been referenced as ‘Operation Spider’.</p>	<p>The Portfolio Holder responded as follows:</p> <p><i>“The scrutiny of the Cabinet’s decisions around jointly funding the increased Police presence in Clacton Town Centre in the summer, given the operation name Spider, and to provide funding for a continuing post of Anti-Social Behaviour Patrol Officer is welcomed. From the evidence presented to the Committee, both decisions seem to have been fully justified. Going forward, we are as committed as ever to work with our partners to address anti-social behaviour and provide a safe environment for the communities we serve.</i></p> <p><i>In terms of specific request around a repeat of operation spider in the summer of 2020, if an application for funding is received, it will definitely be reviewed in light of its success over recent years. However, the funding of such initiatives need to be considered in a more joined up way and measured against other items that help us meet the wide range of priorities set out within the emerging corporate plan. Therefore, I would like to see this item included in the action plan that will be developed early in 2020 to deliver against those priorities once the Corporate Plan is in place. This would also be consistent with the point set out in the financial performance report on today’s agenda that seeks to bring together a range of items we would like to invest in across the whole Council</i></p>	

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	<p><i>that can then be considered together.”</i></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor McWilliams, seconded by Councillor Broderick and RESOLVED that Cabinet notes the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s recommendation and endorses the response of the Partnerships Portfolio Holder thereto.</p>	
<p>Date of meeting: 7 October 2019 Minute number: 72 New Statutory Scrutiny Guidance Recommendation; that this Committee recommends to Cabinet that it receives the new Statutory Guidance on Scrutiny in Councils and considers the potential of developing an Executive-Scrutiny Protocol to address the way in which both will work together for the benefit of the Council as a whole while confirming the independence of both elements of the decision making process of the Council.</p>	<p>The Corporate Finance and Governance Portfolio Holder thanked the Committee for its recommendation and responded as follows:</p> <p><i>“It is clear that the Committee were aware of the existing provisions in the constitution that provide for a robust and independent scrutiny function at this Council. The receipt of the Statutory Guidance is timely for us all to reflect on the arrangements we have and the opportunity to improve upon them in a collaborative way. This collaborative approach was one that worked really well in the review of the Constitution at the end of last year and earlier this year. In fact we will be picking up that work again soon as we undertake the review promised after 6 months of operation of the changes to the constitution and, specifically, to the full Council Procedure Rules. The invitation for Cabinet to consider a possible Executive-Scrutiny Protocol as referenced in the Ministerial Guidance is one I would want to integrate into the process around the 6 month review of the changes to the constitution. The working group will, by its nature, involve Cabinet and Scrutiny Committee Members and so will be good forum to examine the potential advantages of a new protocol. Obviously, I would then want to broaden the discussion around any protocol with all the Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members and Cabinet</i></p>	

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	<p><i>colleagues before any final recommendations are submitted.”</i></p> <p>It was moved by Councillor G V Guglielmi, seconded by Councillor Talbot and RESOLVED, that Cabinet notes the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee’s recommendation and endorses the response of the Portfolio Holder for Corporate Finance and Governance thereto.</p>	
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