

OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL

Monday, 18 July 2016

Commenced: 2.00 pm

Terminated: 2.30 pm

Present: Councillors Ricci (Chair), Ryan (Deputy Chair), Bell, Fairfoull, J Fitzpatrick, Peet, K Quinn and K Welsh

Apologies for Absence: Councillors Bailey, Kitchen, Pearce and Taylor

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel held on 23 November 2016 were agreed and signed as a correct record.

3. GRANT THORNTON - ASSURANCE FROM OVERVIEW (AUDIT) PANEL CHAIR AND MANAGEMENT 2015/16

The Assistant Executive Director (Finance) submitted a report, which explained that Grant Thornton as part of their risk assessment procedures were required to obtain an understanding of management processes in relation to fraud risk assessment, laws and regulations and going concern considerations as part of their annual audit.

The report presented the response to the letters and questionnaires received from Grant Thornton for consideration by the Panel ahead of the document being signed by the Chair of the Panel and the Assistant Executive Director (Finance).

RESOLVED:

That the schedule be signed by both the Chair of the Overview (Audit) Panel and the Assistant Executive Director (Finance) ahead of it being provided to Grant Thornton.

4. SCRUTINY REPORT - VICTIM BASED CRIME

Consideration was given to the outcome of the review of Victim Based Crime, which explored ways that the Council and partners could work effectively together to reduce the incidence and impact of victim based crime in Tameside.

The Executive response of the Deputy Executive Leader and the report of the Statutory and External Partners Scrutiny Panel were appended to the report.

RESOLVED:

That the report and executive response be noted.

5. SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

The Executive Director of Governance, Resources and Pensions submitted a report, detailing the Annual Report of the Scrutiny Panels for 2015/16, which informed the Council and the community of Tameside about their work during the past year. The report also contained a message from the Executive Leader that underlined the fact that Scrutiny involved all of the Council and not just non-executive members.

It was reported that the Scrutiny Panels would identify more intelligent ways of working and regularly monitor the progress of services, reviewing the way recommendations were actioned, helping to make Tameside a better place for all. The Chair of each Scrutiny Panel also submitted a summary of the work carried out by each of the Panels.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

6. SCRUTINY ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

The Executive Director of Governance, Resources and Pensions submitted a report detailing the draft work programmes for the Council's two Scrutiny Panels for 2016/17. The work programmes were linked to the Council's Corporate Plan priorities and items included would add value to services.

It was explained that the Scrutiny Panels' Work Programmes included follow up reviews to consider the progress and implementation of recommendations already adopted by the Executive, the systematic monitoring of the achievement of Tameside's People and Place Scorecard and initial in-depth review topics. The review topics selected by each panel for the first quarter were as follows:

Integrated Care and Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel – Carers in Tameside

Place and External Relations Scrutiny Panel – Impact of Bin Swap and Delivering Future Improvements to Recycling

In order for work programmes to be as robust as possible further time would be taken to liaise with Members, Senior Management Teams and partners prior to finalisation for the 2016/17 municipal year. A report would be prepared for the next meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel to present the final work programmes.

RESOLVED:

(1) That the draft work programmes for the first quarter of 2016/17 be noted.

(2) That a report be prepared for the next meeting of the Overview (Audit) Panel detailing the final work programmes for 2016/17.

7. URGENT ITEMS

There were no urgent items.

CHAIR