



St Edmundsbury
BOROUGH COUNCIL

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Written report by David Lockwood and Cllr Stefan Oliver, Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee during 2010/2011

This report covers the meeting of the Committee held on 20 April 2011.

1. Annual Report of the Cabinet 2010/2011 and Corporate Plan 2011/2012

- 1.1 The Leader attended this meeting of the Committee, and presented the Cabinet's Annual Report for 2010/2011. The report reviewed the work of the Cabinet during 2010/2011, however, unlike previous years, the Annual Report did not set out the commitments and key activities for 2011/2012, as this would be the responsibility of the new administration following the Borough Council elections. Similarly, there were sections of the Corporate Plan which could not be updated until after the elections.
- 1.2 The Committee examined the document in detail, questioning the Leader on the report's contents. The Committee expressed its broad support for the document and looked forward to seeing the final document, including the new administration's priorities for 2011/2012 and the completion of the Corporate Plan, following the Borough Council elections.

2. Monitoring the West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership

- 2.1 The Committee received its annual update on the progress of the West Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP). It is the duty of the Committee, as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee designated under the Police and Justice Act 2006, to scrutinise the work of the Partnership.
- 2.2 The Council's Community Safety Officer, Helen Lindfield, introduced the report, and updated Members on the progress of the Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) co-located team, the work of the CSP during 2010/2011 and future funding and structure arrangements for CSPs in Suffolk from 2011 onwards.

- 2.3 The Committee was also updated on the Strategic Assessment of the Partnership, which identified areas of concern for the CSP which would be incorporated into its 2011/2012 Partnership Plan. Details of three specific projects were also provided to Members.
- 2.4 Discussions were held on a number of elements of the report, and an update report on the future funding and structure of CSPs across the County will be offered to the Committee once this information is known.

3. Work Programme

- 3.1 This was the final meeting of the Committee for 2010/2011, and the 2010/2011 work programme was completed at this meeting.
- 3.2 Turning to plans for setting the 2011/2012 work programme, the Committee was advised that the Chairman and Vice Chairman felt it would be appropriate to set a work programme for the first six months of 2011/2012, to allow the newly appointed Committee following the Borough Council elections to get used to the way scrutiny worked, following which it would set the remainder of the work programme itself.
- 3.3 Taking into account work already planned, and new suggestions from officers and Members, the Committee recommended a draft work programme to the new Committee for June to October 2011. The new Committee will be requested to adopt this work programme at its first meeting in July 2011, and shortly afterwards will ask Members and officers to suggest items for the second half of the work programme.
- 3.4 The Committee was also advised of the three-module scrutiny training workshops to be offered in June, September and November 2011. The first session will take the place of the June Committee meeting, so that by the time of the Committee's first meeting in July, most new Members should have received basic training in the role and responsibilities of scrutiny.