

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 15 June 2023

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Decisions Plan: This item is not required to be included in the Decisions Plan.

Wards impacted: All wards.

Recommendation: It is recommended that Report number: CAB/WS/23/028, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted.

1. Context to this report

1.1 On 15 June 2023, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:

1. Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny – 19 April 2023.
2. Appointments to outside scrutiny body
3. Cabinet Decisions Plan: 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024
4. Work programme update 2023.

2. Proposals within this report

2.1 **Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny – 19 April 2023** **(Report number: OAS/WS/23/006)**

2.1.1 The Committee received and **noted** report number OAS/WS/23/006, which was the last report prepared by Councillor Margaret Marks as the Council's representative on the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee, setting out what was considered at its meeting held on 19 April 2023. The main focus of the meeting was on Childhood Obesity in Suffolk.

2.1.2 The Committee considered the report and asked questions to which Councillor Marks provided comprehensive responses. In particular, discussions were held on school meals and their nutritional value; the childhood nutrition guidance provided for women during their pregnancy; Abbeycroft Leisure's initiative "learn to cook with families"; junk food advertising; more emphasis needed on food portion control and the need for lifestyle changes.

2.1.3 The Committee acknowledged that health was a huge subject and questioned what the Council's remit was for health; what it can do to add value in West Suffolk and how best to feed back issues concerning West Suffolk to the Health Scrutiny Committee.

2.1.4 The Committee thanked Councillor Marks for the passion and effort she had put into the Health Scrutiny Committee as the Council's representative.

2.2 **Appointments to outside scrutiny body** **(Report number: OAS/WS/23/007)**

2.2.1 The Health Scrutiny Committee is responsible for scrutinising wellbeing and health services across the county. The committee has ten members in total, five county councillors and one co-opted representative from each of the district and borough councils in Suffolk. These councillors are from across political groups and are not members of their Council's Cabinet Committee.

- 2.2.2 An extract from the Suffolk County Council’s constitution, setting out the role of the Health Scrutiny Committee was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.
- 2.2.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was therefore asked to nominate, on an annual basis, one full member and one substitute member to serve on the Suffolk County Council’s Health Scrutiny Committee for a four-year term (2023 to 2027).
- 2.2.4 At the conclusion of discussions, the Committee **resolved** the following:
1. That Councillor Andrew Martin be appointed as the full representative to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee for the term of the 2023 to 2027 administration.
 2. That Councillor Sue Perry be appointed as the substitute representative to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee for the term of the 2023 to 2027 administration.

2.3 **Cabinet Decisions Plan: 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024
(Report number: OAS/WS/23/008)**

- 2.3.1 The Committee reviewed the latest version of the Cabinet Decisions Plan, covering the period 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024.
- 2.3.2 The Committee considered the Decisions Plan and did not request any further information on items contained in the Plan.

2.4 **Work programme update 2023 (Report number: OAS/WS/23/009)**

- 2.4.1 The Committee received and **noted** report number OAS/WS/23/009, which updated Members on the current status of its rolling work programme of items at attached at Appendix 1.
- 2.4.2 The Committee considered its future work programme and suggested the following possible topics it may wish to scrutinise:
- Performance of Abbeycroft Leisure
 - Transport and Infrastructure
 - Environmental Health and Food Hygiene Inspections
 - Planning Enforcement
 - Grass Cutting
 - Taxi Buses
 - Flagship Housing

- 2.4.3 Members were informed of the requirement to complete the required Scrutiny Work Programme Suggestion form and to liaise with the relevant Portfolio Holder prior to submitting their form. Once the completed form has been submitted, relevant officers will work with the councillor to scope out the review and key lines of enquiry, before being added to the Committee's agenda for consideration on whether to accept or reject the suggestion.

3. Alternative options that have been considered

- 3.1 Please see background papers.

4. Consultation and engagement undertaken

- 4.1 Please see background papers.

5. Risks associated with the proposals

- 5.1 Please see background papers.

6. Implications arising from the proposals

- 6.1 Financial - Please see background papers.

- 6.2 Equalities - Please see background papers.

7. Appendices referenced in this report

- 7.1 Please see background papers.

8. Background documents associated with this report

- 8.1 Report number: [OAS/WS/23/006](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny – 19 April 2023
- 8.2 Report number: [OAS/WS/23/007](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Appointments to Outside Scrutiny Bodies
- 8.3 Report number: [OAS/WS/23/008](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Cabinet Decisions Plan 1 June 2023 to 31 May 2024
- 8.4 Report number: [OAS/WS/23/009](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update 2023