

Meeting of the Full Council – 26 May 2016

Report on the Scrutiny Committee meetings held on 26 February and 8 April 2016

Chair: County Councillor Bill Winlow

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Syrian Resettlement Programme

The Committee was informed that the Government had committed to settle 20,000 Syrian Refugees over the next five years and that, following a series of discussions between Lancashire Chief Executives Group, it was agreed that Lancashire would resettle up to 500 refugees over the same period as a proportionate contribution to the overall national programme.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Committee write to the Government requesting further information around funding arrangements for the Syrian Resettlement Programme
- ii. The Committee be provided with further information regarding council tax benefit repayments to the county council for resettled Syrian refugees in Lancashire
- iii. The Committee be provided with an update in autumn 2017 on the progress of the programme

Interim Report of the Planning Matters Task Group

The Committee received a verbal update regarding the interim position of the Planning Matters Task Group.

The Task Group's draft recommendations are currently out for consultation with various groups and following the completion of this process the finalised report and recommendations will be presented to the Committee for consideration.

Resolved: That;

- i. The report be noted
- ii. The recommendations be noted
- iii. A list of questions and comments be provided to the Committee from the meeting

Work Plan and Task Group Update

The plan set out at Appendix 'A' presented the work to be undertaken by the Committee in the coming months, including an update on Task Group work.

Resolved: The Committee noted Work Plan and Task Group Update

8 April 2016

Cabinet Member response to the Fire Suppression Measures Task Group

On 13 November the final report of the Fire Suppression Measures Task Group was presented to the Scrutiny Committee. Following the meeting, the report was provided to CC Tomlinson as Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Schools to respond to the recommendations.

A verbal response was provided to the recommendations of the task group at the meeting.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Committee note and comment on the response provided by the Cabinet Member
- ii. The Committee accept the Task Group report with amendments

Supporting Young People

A report was presented to the Scrutiny Committee providing an update and overview of the support provided to young people by the Employment Support Team within Skills, Learning and Development. This enabled and assisted young people on their pathway in to further education/employment and also promoted sustainable employment for young people.

The report gave a review of the support that had been provided through the Professional Apprentices Programme, the mentoring programme and the work Lancashire County Council did towards its internal apprentice programme.

Resolved: The Committee noted the report

The Superfast Broadband Lancashire Programme – Phase 1 and Phase 2 (Extension) Update

A report was presented to the Committee which outlined the outcome of Phase 1 on the Lancashire Superfast Broadband Phase 1 programme and the planned implementation of the Superfast Broadband Extension Programme (SEP).

Resolved: The Committee considered the contents of the report

Report of the Planning Matters Task Group

The Task Group had undertaken a review and prepared a series of recommendations. District Councils were consulted on the draft recommendations, which have been subsequently modified following feedback.

The Task Group's recommendations were presented for the Committee's consideration.

Resolved: That;

- i. The Scrutiny Committee approve the recommendations of the Task Group
- ii. Request a response from the appropriate Cabinet Members for the July meeting of the Scrutiny Committee
- iii. Prepare a letter for the Scrutiny Committee to approve and send to the Department for Communities and Local Government

Work Plan and Task Group Update

The Work Plan was presented to the Committee regarding upcoming topics and future topics not yet scheduled as well as an update on ongoing Task Groups and Task Groups that had recently been established.

Resolved: The Committee noted the Work Plan and Task Group Update report