

Updates from other committees to Cabinet on 21 December 2023



Listening Learning Leading

Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 6 December to discuss the Community Infrastructure Levy Pilot Grant Fund Policy. The committee supported the policy and made suggestions for consideration of the officers and Cabinet member:

1. Clarity wanted on point 19 and its table – showing income and expenditure
2. On the scoring matrix, officers to check with the Climate Action Team on the addition of “climate adaptation” to column G scoring.
3. On the scoring matrix, column B, committee want inclusion of gaps in provision. Committee discussed inclusion of active travel as part of the scoring matrix, to help tackle gaps in provision.
4. Committee asked for consideration of communication of the pilot scheme – how will this be communicated? Committee also suggested a 12-month pilot scheme, to take learnings from and either rerun the scheme or make adaptations.

These points have been taken into account in the head of finance’s report before Cabinet today.

Joint Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 7 December to discuss the Community Safety Partnership’s annual report, the performance of the waste management contractor in 2022, and the Joint Local Plan. There are no recommendations to Cabinet.

The committee welcomed the work being carried out by the Community Safety Partnership, and agreed with the officer’s report on the waste management contractor’s performance. On the Joint Local Plan, the committee welcomed this and was impressed by the ambition of the consultation documents, praising officers’ work. The committee made some suggestions, which have been referred to the head of policy and programmes for consideration in consultation with the Cabinet member for planning, in line with the delegation awarded by Cabinet at its last meeting.

Climate and Ecological Emergencies Advisory Committee

The committee met on 11 December and received a number of progress reports and updates. Members discussed a project by the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust (BBOWT), the decarbonisation of out leisure centres, and progress on retrofitting council buildings.

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