



REPORT TITLE: Scrutiny and Working Group Update

County Council meeting:	24 May 2023
Member/Officer	Cllr John Bloxsom, Vice Chair Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Purpose of Report	To update the Council on the latest scrutiny activity.
Recommendations/ Action sought	To note the report.
Resource Implications	N/A
Background Documents	Committee agendas and report found at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
Equality Impact Assessment	N/A
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1	Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee	
	<p>The Committee considered a report on the work of the Gloucestershire Combatting Drugs Partnership (GCDP) in relation to the priorities of the National Drugs Strategy, From Harm to Hope (2021), as well as an update on the delivery of sexual and reproductive health services in Gloucestershire.</p> <p>Regular information update reports were also received covering: Public Health, Adult Social Care, and the Chief Fire Officer portfolio.</p>	16 May 2023
2	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
	<p>This Committee is not due to meet until 23 May 2023.</p>	
3	Children and Families Scrutiny Committee	
	<p>The Committee considered update reports for the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Inclusion Strategy and Service• Fostering and Adoption• Sufficiency Strategy• IT Digital Initiatives <p>As well as regular information reports on performance, quality assurance framework and revenue monitoring.</p>	18 May 2023
4	Environment Scrutiny Committee	
	<p>Members considered reports on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• A summary of the weather conditions and winter operations over this past winter season (1st October 2022 to 30th April 2023), which included a process overview.• The emerging interchange hub study which will feed into Gloucestershire's planned Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) review.	10 May 2023

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A regular report from the Executive Director was also considered. 	
5	Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee	
This Committee is not due to meet until 26 May 2023.		
6	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
<p>The Committee considered the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update from the Deputy Leader on Commissioning Intentions and progress on budget amendments for the 2023/24 budget. • Finance update • IT Improvement Strategy • A resolution that was attributed to the Committee from Motion 910: Tackling the Crisis in NHS Dentistry • An update on active Scrutiny Task Groups 		19 April 2023
7	Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny	
<p>The Committee received a presentation on the progress of the Golden Valley Development Project and insight into Cheltenham Borough Council’s vision for economic growth. There was also an update on progress of the City Region Board and future Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee governance arrangements.</p> <p>There was also consideration of the regular Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee update and the Executive Director’s report.</p>		30 March 2023
9	Working groups	
Improving Gloucestershire’s Bus Services Task Group		
The Improving Gloucestershire’s Bus Services Scrutiny Task Group met on Wednesday		

19 April 2023. At this meeting, the Group agreed who it would like to invite to a series of evidence gathering sessions which are being planned to take place in July/August 2023.

The Group heard from officers about the data the Council holds on public transport in the county, and learned about the information that the Council holds regarding previous consultations with public transport users. A summary of the feedback from the consultations will be considered by the Group at its next meeting.

The Group was provided with the presentation slides from the Gloucestershire Decarbonising Transport Forum 2022 event, and members discussed how transport carbon emissions could be reduced in the county.

The next meeting of the Group will take place on 30 June 2023.

Strategic Estate Plan Task Group

On 15 March 2023, the Group had an information gathering and scene setting meeting with GCC's Rural Estate team on the current Estate, the current Strategic Estate Plan and its opportunities/challenges going forward.

The Task Group then met on 13 April 2023 to explore the challenges/opportunities for the rural estate in relation to Climate Change, Biodiversity and Regenerative Agriculture with the Farming and Wildlife Advisory Group Southwest and GCC officers.

Their next meeting, on 22 May, will be looking to understand the challenges around access to land, Gloucestershire's food and farming industry and opportunities for land use diversification.