



REPORT TITLE: Scrutiny and Working Group Update

County Council meeting:	13 September 2023
Member/Officer	Cllr Alan Preest, 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 reports found at: www.gloucestershire.gov.uk
Equality Impact Assessment	N/A
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1	Adult Social Care and Communities Scrutiny Committee	
	Overview presentations were received from the three areas of cover for this Committee.	18 July 2023
2	Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
	Members considered an update on the temporary service changes at the Aveta Birthing Unit and Stroud Maternity Unit, as well as actions being considered to progress midwifery recruitment and retention in Gloucestershire. Information reports were received on digital initiatives being explored by NHS Gloucestershire, Gloucestershire Integrated Care System Performance and NHS Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board.	11 July 2023
3	Children and Families Scrutiny Committee	
	The Committee considered reports on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Further education in Gloucestershire• Care Leavers not in education, employment, or training (NEET) and those not in suitable accommodation.• The scope of a future item that will scrutinise GCC's measures to prevent child abuse and child grooming• A verbal update on the recent Joint Target Area Inspection.	13 July 2023
4	Environment Scrutiny Committee	
	Members considered the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An update on the Electric Vehicles Strategy• A report on flood alleviation schemes and the draft Local Flood Risk Management Strategy Annual Progress and Implementation Plan• A regular update report from the Executive Director.	12 July 2023

5	Fire and Rescue Scrutiny Committee
The Committee received an update report on the move of GFRS staff to GCC Quayside, a review on fire cover for high rise buildings and a report considering the potential climate change implications for the Service.	
14 July 2023	
6	Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Members considered an item on the Council's Customer Experience, as well as annual reports on Performance Benchmarking and the Finance Outturn.	
26 July 2023	
7	Gloucestershire Economic Growth Scrutiny
The Committee considered updates on the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus Service Improvement Plan • Mass Transit Project • Rail transport within Gloucestershire 	
20 July 2023	
9	Working groups
<p>Improving Gloucestershire's Bus Services Task Group</p> <p>The Group held three evidence gathering sessions over July/August:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ On 25 July 2023, the Group met with representatives from Stagecoach West, and the Oxford Bus Company (the Oxford Bus Company has recently taken over Pulhams). ➤ On 1 August 2023, the Group met with representatives from community transport providers, and district councils. ➤ On 8 August 2023, the Group met with Ben Kempner- Senior Policy Advisor, Bus Recovery and Reform Division at the DfT. <p>The next meeting of the Group is taking place on 12 September 2023. At this meeting the Group will consider how customer experience and expectations and accessibility to essential services are taken into consideration in decision making processes; and how</p>	

GCC's contracting processes can support transport decarbonisation and air quality targets.

Strategic Estate Plan Task Group

On 3 August the Group met with representatives from the Food and Farming Partnership and the Gateway Trust to explore issues around food security for the county, public procurement of local, seasonal, and sustainably produced food, and other opportunities to promote Gloucestershire's food and farming industry.

Members also had a Q&A with George Dunn who was a member of the independent Tenancy Working Group and contributed towards The Rock Review which was a review on tenant farming in England.

The Group are currently considering their draft report which they hope to present to Cabinet in November.