

**Infrastructure, Safety &  
Growth  
Scrutiny Committee  
2018/19 Annual Report**

## **Introduction and Summary**

2018/19 has once again been a busy year for the committee covering a wide range of topics.

I would like to thank all of the regular committee members and also those who have appeared as substitutes for all of their input. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all of the officers that have been invited to the meetings with particular thanks to our scrutiny officer Jo Hutchison.

I think that this committee as well as the wider scrutiny role has particularly worked well this year by both challenging Cabinet and making recommendations with constructive objectives particularly surrounding the castle service review.

Other topics covered included were Fire safety, Public space protection orders, Gambling Act statement of Principles, Taxi licensing points system and Community Service Alarm

Additional PSPO's and Crime figures for Tamworth aren't covered in this report and are due to come to scrutiny at the meeting on the 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**19<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

**Work plan for 2018/19**

The committee considered some of the ideas that had been previously discussed in the last meeting and formed working groups around the castle service review and the state of Tamworth roads.

Other ideas to be scrutinised during 2018/19 that were incorporated onto the work plan were:

- Town centre car parking
- Infrastructure and roads
- Review local and County plans
- Crime figures for Tamworth
- CCTV usage
- Uber
- S106 allocations
- People helping people (Community Safety)
- Street Cleansing

**13<sup>th</sup> September 2018**

**Castle Service Review**

The working group had previously had several meetings including a castle tour. The report was fully discussed within the working group and it was decided to postpone the report coming full scrutiny committee until the concerns that had been raised had been rectified.

This meeting was to consider the progress made with the modified report.

Members received a full update on the castle service review from officers and a full discussion took place and a number of clarifications sought. A

number of recommendations came out of the meeting and were to be presented to Cabinet.

A number of other objectives were raised and added to the work plan, namely:

- Public space protection orders
- Council Tennant Fire Safety Strategy
- Anti-Social Behaviour

## **23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018**

### **Public space protection orders**

The committee received reports from the Assistant director of partnerships around the proposed new public space protection orders in two areas of the Town. A discussion around the reports took place and a number of proposals noted in regard to the extension of the scheme.

### **Gambling Act Statement of Principles**

The committee received updates from the Head of Environmental health with regard to the updated gambling act statement of principles that had previously been presented to the Licensing committee. The report was fully endorsed and it was agreed to recommend it to Cabinet.

### **S106 Update**

It was agreed that this work item was removed from the work plan as it had been resolved during a previous full council meeting.

**9<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **Community Alarm Service Monitoring at Sheltered Housing**

The committee received a report from the Assistant director for neighbourhoods and the housing options manager on the 24hr community lifeline service.

This had come to scrutiny prior to cabinet due to the service being re procured.

A full discussion took place and clarification was sought on some areas of the service prior to the presentation being fully endorsed by the committee.

### **Fire Safety Update**

The committee received an update from the Assistant director of assets surrounding Council Tennant fire safety.

Following a number of questions and discussion points the report was endorsed by the committee and it was agreed to revisit the topic if any legislative changes were made from central government.

**29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

### **Castle service review interim update**

As previously agreed, the scrutiny committee wanted an interim update on the castle service review. The Assistant Director for Growth and Regeneration gave an update and during the subsequent discussion a number of clarifications were requested and following this the report was endorsed.

### **Tamworth Infrastructure and Roads**

This has been a difficult topic to look at on this scrutiny committee with some challenges with regard to support from the County Council. A

discussion took place and the route forward that was to be taken was to push concerns through the Prosperous scrutiny committee at County.

## **12<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

### **Taxi Licensing Points Scheme**

The committee received a report from the Head of Environmental Health on the aims of the proposed taxi points scheme.

A full discussion took place and the report fully endorsed and would be recommended to cabinet with a subsequent 12month review.

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