

## **S7. Workplan and Scrutiny Plan 2020**

The committee considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services which provided an update on the progress of the committee's workplan in light of the Covid-19 pandemic and sought the committee's views on topics for the 2020/1 scrutiny plan. In introducing the report, Brian Pirie pointed out that in light of recent events, the Committee might want to reset and revise the workplan.

After some discussion, it was agreed that the Committee would request a holistic report from officers detailing how the Council family (including the three Services, the FCT and Adult Social Work Services) responded to the Covid emergency, the lessons learnt, and actions going forward. This report would include information from each Service's recovery plan, as had been presented to the Emergency Executive during the summer months, in addition to financial data relating to Covid spending, which would be captured from a report coming to Council later this month.

It was pointed out that the original workplan had a report on the governance arrangements for Council of the Future. However, the Director of Corporate and Housing Services informed the Committee that a forthcoming business plan would be put to Council in September that proposed changing the governance arrangements for Council of the Future. Given this information, the Committee agreed that it made sense to remove this item from its workplan and instead scrutinise the governance arrangements at the Council meeting.

The Committee agreed that the current Scrutiny Panel on the arrangements for allocation and management of Pupil Equity Funding should recommence and complete this work. This decision was taken on the basis that the workload was relatively light and straightforward and could be completed in a matter of weeks.

### **Decision**

#### **The Scrutiny Committee:-**

- (1) agreed the revised workplan for 2020 as set out in the appendix to the report, and**
- (2) request a holistic report detailing how the Council family (including the three Services, the FCT and Adult Social Work Services) had responded to the Covid emergency. This will include the lessons learnt and actions going forward. This report would include information from each Service's recovery plan, as had been presented to the Emergency Executive during the summer months, in addition to financial data relating to Covid spending, which would be captured from a report coming to Council later this month.**