



Councillor Steve Shaw-Wright – Chair of Scrutiny Committee

The Scrutiny Committee has met twice since the last update to Council in December 2019; on 24 January, 4 February and 13 February.

4 February 2020 – Special Themed Meeting on ‘Blue Light’ Services

The Committee discussed upcoming ‘deep dives’ in to a number of topics, including CEFs, devolution/One Yorkshire, Local Enterprise Partnerships and the Northern Powerhouse.

In attendance was Rachel Pippin, Sector Commander from Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS), who delivered an informative presentation about the service and answered questions from the Committee. Members asked about ambulance handover at hospitals, patient transport, hospital discharges and the use of the emergency services to treat intoxicated people. Members also requested that further information about the YAS apprenticeship scheme be circulated to them after the meeting.

Members also considered and discussed the quarterly Corporate Performance report for Quarter 2, and had queries relating to the performance of the Council on matters such as the enforcement action empty homes and voids. The Committee requested a further breakdown of figures and details relating to such properties, and were pleased to note that 27 empty properties had been brought back into use in Quarter 2.

Officers answered Members’ further questions regarding corporate complaints, emergency repairs, the collection of rent arrears, employee sickness absence and the re-letting of major void properties.

13 February 2020 – Special Themed Meeting on Education

The Scrutiny Committee also met on 13 February 2020. However, this meeting was after the agenda deadline for Council reports and therefore a verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

Future Meetings: The next meeting of the Committee will be on **19 March 2020**.

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Chair, Scrutiny Committee**