

Cllr Lin Martin Haugh (Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee)

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee held its first virtual meeting under the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) Regulations 2020, on 17 June 2020 and held its second meeting under these regulations yesterday evening on 14 July. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee were encouraged to watch the broadcast of the Executive meeting and submit written questions in advance based on the Executive reports and discussion. These questions were then circulated to the Strategic Leadership Team for a written response which was in turn circulated to the O&S Committee before its meeting. At the meeting the questions were verbally raised by the relevant Member and the responses were provided by officers – it was hoped that this would help those viewing the virtual meeting to better understand the discussion and the supplementary questions raised. This format will continue to be used for the foreseeable future. If Scrutiny Members wish to raise an issue that is not directly related to the Executive business in hand they will need to do so in writing outside of the O&S Committee meeting, and the response provided by officers will be circulated to all Scrutiny Members.

Cllrs Michael Downing (Chair of Environment & Economy Select Committee) and Sarah Mead (Chair of Community Select Committee)

There is no specific update to provide to Council other than to say that it has not been possible to meet since the start of the lockdown because of the added strain on resources that this would cause. We are intending to re-commence the activities of these Committees in September.