

Overview and Scrutiny, 5th September

Update from Scrutiny Task Group – Tackling Multiple Deprivation (as of 23rd August)

The task group met for the first time on 26th July for its induction meeting, where the One Page Strategy outlining the group's intentions was finalised. The OPS is attached for information.

Councillor Willingham was elected Chair, with Cllrs. Flynn, Payne, Seacome and Williams making up the rest of the group. Cllrs. Chelin, Harman, Joy and Pineger are substitutes. Richard Gibson (Head of Communities, Wellbeing and Partnerships) is the lead officer, and relevant officers and partners will be invited to meetings depending on the topic at hand.

Considering the scale of the topic and the six month timeframe specified by the O&S committee, it was agreed that the group would meet five times, with each meeting focusing on a specific topic area:

1. Community outreach (including benefits) (31st August)
2. Health (esp. reducing health inequalities) (4th October)
3. Education (3rd November)
4. Housing and housing enforcement (including crime/policing/antisocial behaviour) (24th November)
5. Economic growth (esp. Golden Valley) and employment (14th December)

This will be followed by a 'mopping up' session on 26th January 2023 to agree the recommendations for the final report to go back to O&S.

The final task group report is scheduled to go to O&S on 27th February 2023, and can then go to Council on 20th March 2023 if required.

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