

Overview and Scrutiny, 31st October

Update from Scrutiny Task Group – Tackling Multiple Deprivation (as of 19th October)

Since the last O&S meeting, the task group has met twice to discuss the topics of community outreach and health inequality. Representatives from food banks, community groups, Citizens Advice, No Child Left Behind and other council partners attended the first meeting, while the second featured contributions from social prescribers, nurses and the county council's director of public health.

The goal of both meetings was to understand the key issues that residents, community organisations and the health service were facing, the areas in which the council could make a positive difference and the levers it could pull to do this. Members suggested a number of potential recommendations for the group's final report, which will be determined in the last meeting in January.

The following meetings are yet to take place:

1. Education (3rd November)
2. Housing and housing enforcement (including crime/policing/antisocial behaviour) (24th November)
3. 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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