

## **Overview and Scrutiny, 28<sup>th</sup> November**

### **Update from Scrutiny Task Group – Tackling Multiple Deprivation (as of 15<sup>th</sup> November)**

The task group has met once since the last O&S meeting, on 3<sup>rd</sup> November to discuss the topic of education. Representatives from primary and secondary schools and adult learning joined Members to discuss the issues they were facing and the areas in which the council could make a difference.

Key topics raised included the ways primary and secondary schools maintain provision for pupils learning English as an additional language (EAL) and those with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND). Attendees highlighted issues with staff recruitment and access to services for those from deprived backgrounds, as well as the resilience of their students.

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. Housing and housing enforcement (including living environment deprivation, fuel poverty, crime, policing and antisocial behaviour) (24<sup>th</sup> November)
2. Economic growth (esp. Golden Valley) and employment (14<sup>th</sup> December)

This will be followed by a 'mopping up' session on 26<sup>th</sup> 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 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023, and can then go to Council on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023 if required.

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