

Overview and Scrutiny, 31st January

Update from Scrutiny Task Group – Tackling Multiple Deprivation (as of 15th November)

The task group has met twice since the last O&S meeting, on 24th November to discuss housing and on 14th December to discuss employment and economic growth.

The first meeting had a broad remit including housing enforcement, living environment deprivation, fuel poverty, crime, policing and antisocial behaviour. Representatives from Cheltenham Borough Homes, Citizens Advice, Severn Wye Energy Agency and a harm reduction charity, as well as CBC housing, enforcement and safeguarding officers, attended to discuss the issues they were facing and the areas in which the council could make a difference.

The second meeting, focusing on employment and economic growth, saw contributions from the Business Improvement District, GFirst LEP, Citizens Advice and the Aspire Foundation, as well as CBC Inward Investment and Revenues & Benefits officers.

At both meetings, Members suggested a number of potential recommendations for the group's final report. These will be determined at the final meeting on 26th January, which will 'mop up' the process to far and agree the recommendations for the final report to go back to O&S.

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

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