

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Actions List (after 24th November 2020 meeting)

ISSUE/MEETING REQUESTED	ACTION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER(S)	TIMESCALE	OUTCOME
Townships Plan 2020-2022	Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee to meet to consider the establishment of a study group to examine the role of Township Committees.	Peter Thompson	During 2020/2021	
Council's Communications Priorities	Director of Neighbourhoods to submit a report to a future meeting of the Committee regarding the Council's 'communications priorities'	Director of Neighbourhoods/Assistant Director (Information, Customers and Communities)	During 2020/2021	Meeting of the Committee on 16 th March 2021
Minutes of GMCA Scrutiny Committee meetings	Future agendas for meetings of Corporate O&S Committee, wherever possible, to include the minutes, of meetings of Greater Manchester Combined Authority Scrutiny Committees.	Peter Thompson	Future meetings of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Ongoing
Directorate Plans	Submission of Directorate Plans (Resources and Neighbourhoods Directorates)	Director of Resources and Director of Neighbourhoods	Either at the end of 2020/021 or the beginning of the 2021/2022 Municipal Year	Planning for the 2021/22 Plans to be considered by the Committee in March 2021
Health Related Absences	The Head of Workforce and Organisational Development to provide Members of the Committee with a briefing note	Head of Workforce and Organisational Development	During 2020/2021	16 th March 2021 meeting

	which compares Rochdale Council's performance, relating to health related absences, with the other authorities in Greater Manchester.			
Scrutiny Study Group	To convene a Scrutiny Study Group to examine two issues: the recruitment and selection of staff and establishing a Members Development Programme	Peter Thompson	During 2020/2021	First meeting was held 16 th November 2020 and further meeting to be held in February 2021
Cyber Security	The Committee recommended that the Cabinet make it a mandatory requirement for all Members of the Council to undertake appropriate training on cyber security.	Peter Thompson	The next available Cabinet meeting in 2020/2021	Referred to the HR/Member Development Study Group
Local Government Ombudsman Annual Report 2019/2020 (Special Guardianship Policy)	Members of the Committee expressed concern at the Local Government Ombudsman's findings regarding the implementation of the Council's Special Guardianship Policy	David Wilcock	Cabinet meeting on 1 st December 2020	A revised policy was approved and adopted by the Cabinet
Council Tax Empty Property Charges	The Committee recommended that the Cabinet consider authorising officers to examine ways of purchasing empty properties across the borough, especially properties that have been empty in the long-term and also in this regard that officers look at working, if appropriate, with external providers and that the Cabinet consider providing Council Tax	Chief Finance Officer	Cabinet meeting on 1 st December 2020	The Committee's recommendations were approved by the Cabinet on 1 st December and subsequently by the Council at its meeting on 16 th December 2020

	exemptions, or some form of relief, for domestic accommodations that are attached to commercial premises, such as pubs and shops, which had become empty because they have had to close because of the adverse effects of Covid-19.			
Resources Directorate Plan Q2 Update	Clarification was sought on the arrangements for the Borough Council and Greater Manchester Mayoral Elections, in May 2021 (i.e how the elections were to be conducted)	Peter Thompson	February 2021	
Schools Final Outturns and Reportable Surplus 2019/2020	That future consideration of this particular item be referred in future years to the Council's Health, Schools and Care O&S Committee	Peter Thompson	From 2021/2022 onwards	
Insurance Claims Report	The Committee requests that future reports include details of associated 'claims cost mitigation to the authority'.	Martin Nixon	Report to the Committee in the autumn of 2021	