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Report of the Chair of the Communities, Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Executive Summary

1.

To date during this municipal year we have provided scrutiny on the following:

Castleton Station SPD

Littleborough Station SPD

Rochdale Station SPD

Lower Falinge SPD

Public Space Protection Orders

GM Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy

The internal audit report around the Council's progress tackling the climate emergency

Places for Everyone

GM Streets For All Strategy

Fly tipping strategy

This sits alongside our regular work plan scrutinising the work of the Neighbourhoods and Economy Directorates.

The Committee has been active in the first few months of 2021/22. We held two meetings in July including a special meeting devoted to scrutinising the 'Places for Everyone' proposals. We had a further meeting in September and an informal meeting, also in September, where we provided scrutiny on the GM 2040 Transport Strategy.

The Committee has approved the creation of a Climate Emergency Scrutiny Study Group which will have the powers to provide appropriate overview and scrutiny in this most important of areas across Council structures. This Study Group will comprise of the chairs and vice chairs of the Council's three Overview & Scrutiny Committees plus interested members of the Communities, Regeneration & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee members, as well as being open to any other elected member who would like to participate in ensuring we are meeting the challenge of the climate emergency and our promises as a Council.

In addition to this, the Committee has identified a number of key additional priorities for the Scrutiny Group. These will take the form of specifically commissioned reports,

which follows on from meetings that I have held with Officers and Executive Members.

The priority areas are:

Place Based Working

Post pandemic regeneration

Rochdale Borough Housing Strategy

In September, we welcomed the first of these papers on Place Based Working, which was warmly received by members and is a fantastic example of how Rochdale Borough Council is innovating to work across departments and with other organisations across the public, private and charitable sectors. The work in this area gives agency back to service users and prioritises empathy and compassion whilst also realising savings across our public services.

Key Points for Consideration

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That the Climate Emergency Scrutiny Study Group has an open invitation to those elected members who would like to attend, alongside other Scrutiny Chairs & Vice Chairs as well as existing CREONS members.

That the Place Based work of the Council in prevention and with people facing multiple disadvantages is ground-breaking and innovative, gaining national recognition.

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Thank you Mr. Mayor, I will be pleased to answer any questions from Members of the Council about these or any other matter relating to the work of the Committee