

Executive 26/01/21

Report of Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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WHY HAS THIS REPORT COME TO THE EXECUTIVE?

This report has the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on the reports presented to the Committee on 26th November 2020.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee recommends that the Executive note its report.

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 This report has the recommendations from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) on the reports presented to the Committee on 26th November 2020. Those reports were:

- Beacon Museum Verbal Update
- Update from the Single Table Trade Union Group (STTUG)
- 2020/21 Council Performance Plan – Quarter 2

2.0 DISCUSSION

- 2.1 The Director of Financial Resources presented an update to the Committee on the Beacon Museum. The Director gave an overview of the situation during both lockdowns during the pandemic and the plans for future financial stability.
- 2.2 Members asked questions relating to the currently vacant café on the site and the possibility of a Santa's Grotto. The Director stated that there had been interest from local food outlets in the area and there could be business on site by Easter 2021. The Committee requested that their thanks be passed to the staff at the Beacon for all of their hard work through a difficult year.
- 2.3 The Director of Corporate Resources and Commercial Strategy presented the 2020/21 Council Performance Plan – Quarter 2 to the Committee. Councillors asked questions on many aspects of the report and asked for more detail in relation to recycling. Residual Waste per Household (Kg) was identified as increasing and members asked if this would put pressure on the Council's waste services. The Director stated that the increase has been a well-documented side effect of the Covid-19 pandemic but there would be a trade off on the impact of office and trade waste, which has decreased. The increase in recycling has not had a detrimental effect on waste services and services are still operating to a high standard as reflected in the report.

3. STATUTORY OFFICER COMMENTS

- 3.1 Joint Monitoring Officer/Legal comments: 'No legal issues arise from the report itself. Any legal issues arising from the specific projects referred to in the report will be dealt with as they arise.'
- 3.2 The Section 151 Officer's comments: 'There are no financial implications arising from this recommendation.'