

Report to

Council

Agenda
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Meeting Date: 14th July 2020

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Title: **Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel Chairman's Report –
Councillor James Bainbridge**

Chairman's Report Business and Transformation 28th May.

The most recent Business and Transformation Panel meeting was a relatively straight forward matter to formally agree the submission of the relevant sections to the Annual Scrutiny Report. However, this was of course the first time the Panel has met since Covid-19 restrictions were commenced and at present nothing is quite normal.

This will of course have impacted the Council in much more severe ways, which we will no doubt see the first glimpses of when the appropriate monitoring reports come through the Committee cycle. There is a reluctance by ourselves, expressed in the meeting, to see Reports that were delayed coming to us, to be delayed further. This will result in the next couple of meetings having a greater number of Reports than we have become used to. I understand that under the 'Teams' style of meetings, we are restricted to no more than 4 hours in length, given the number of Reports to consider, their complexity and the impacts of Covid-19, we may for the next two meeting cycles be approaching that threshold.

It was a relief however to commence the Task and Finish Group on Absence Policy. The first meeting of the T&F Group was an overview of the current situation with questions and answers. At this early stage, and without prejudicing any recommendations, the questions developed into two broad themes; the Policy itself and the implementation and attitudinal adjustment that the new Policy will create within the Council.

Full details of the discussions are to be found within the Minute Book

Cllr James Bainbridge
Chairman