

Overview and Scrutiny – Report to Council

1. This report summarises the business considered at the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel held on 16 January 2025.
2. Please note that the report may not reflect the wording used in the minutes, as they have yet to be formally agreed. The You Tube stream and documents relating to the meeting can be found here: [Chorley Council - YouTube](#)

Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel – 16 January 2025

Performance focus: Communities and Leisure Directorate

3. The Executive Member for Early Intervention, Councillor Bev Murray, presented a report providing members with a performance update for the Communities and Leisure directorate. The Executive Member (Homes and Housing), Councillor Terry Howarth, was also in attendance. Both Executive Members were assisted by Jennifer Mullin, Director of Communities and Leisure.
4. The performance report included:
 - a. An overall directorate summary and budget position of services,
 - b. An overview of key performance measures at quarter two 2024/25, and
 - c. An update on the Corporate Strategy project delivery.
5. A number of issues were raised at the meeting, including:
 - £8k net overspend on temporary accommodation compared to budget following an inspection of a block of flats which will involve an emergency prohibition notice resulting in additional costs of temporary accommodation;
 - Increasing membership of Chorley Leisure via greater promotion / awareness and improvements to leisure centre facilities;
 - The Handyperson Service;
 - Homelessness and Housing Strategies currently out for consultation;
 - Current issues of concern for the Executive members which included the cost of living and homelessness.

Councillor Roy Lees

Chair, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Overview and Scrutiny Performance Panel 16 January 2025