

**COUNCIL**

**7 SEPTEMBER 2016**

**SCRUTINY PROGRESS REPORT**

**PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

1. To update the position in respect of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) and scrutiny panels. The current position regarding progress made by the Board and each of the panels is set out below.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

2. Since the last Council update, the Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 2 August to consider the following:
  - a) Strategic Plan 2016-2020
  - b) Budget Outturn 2015-16
  - c) Balanced Scorecards: Year End 2015-16
  - d) Scrutiny Work Programme 2016/17
  - e) Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Prevention Services in Adult Social Care

**SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES**

3. The updated position in respect of the work of each of the Council's scrutiny panels is shown below.

**Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

4. Since the last update to Council, the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel's examination of the Council's use of consultants has now been completed. The report is in the process of being submitted to the Executive

**Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel**

5. To accommodate Member attendance and officer availability, the next meeting is scheduled to be held on 5 October 2016. At the meeting, the Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Children's Care will be in attendance to provide the scrutiny panel with a general introduction/overview of family and friends care (kinship care).

## **Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel**

6. The committee met on 11 July to discuss its work programme and the following was agreed:
  - i. Street beggars - access to services/enforcement.
  - ii. Sextortion/sex education and healthy relationships.
  - iii. Domestic violence - services for children/young people.
  - iv. Sexual violence.
  - v. Middlesbrough Council's Alcohol Strategy 2016 – 2021.
  - vi. Middlesbrough Recovering Together (MRT) - Change, Grow, Live.

## **Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel**

7. The panel has met on two occasions since the last update. On 13 July 2016 the panel considered further information in respect of its ongoing investigation of Community Hubs. The panel's 2016-17 Work Programme was also agreed, as follows:
  - i. Community Hubs (continued from 2015-16)
  - ii. Linthorpe Road regeneration
  - iii. Dock bridge
  - iv. Town Hall refurbishment
  - v. Potholes
8. Other topics may be identified for investigation if time permits.
9. The Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel also met on 10 August 2016. Further information was submitted on Community Hubs. The panel also received information on project management regarding capital projects in respect of the dock bridge and Town Hall refurbishment.

## **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

10. The panel last met on the 7 July 2016. At that meeting, the panel received an update on the previous review topic of Bereavement Services. Information on possible work programme topics for 2016 – 2017 were considered and the panel agreed the following topics:
  - i. Commercialisation
  - ii. Future land availability for burials
  - iii. Impact of housing growth (Joint Review)
  - iv. Ball game signs
11. The above topics were approved by the Overview and Scrutiny Board at its meeting on 2 August 2016.

## **Health Scrutiny Panel**

12. The panel met on 25 July to approve the work programme for 2016-17 and receive the final evidence for their review of Cancer Screening and Reducing Cancer Related Deaths in Middlesbrough.

## **Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee**

13. The committee met on 28 July discuss its work programme and the following was agreed:

- i. Breast Screening
- ii. Young People's Mental Health
- iii. Cancer Mortality in the Tees Valley
- iv. Quality Accounts and the monitoring of the North East Ambulance Service.
- v. In addition, without duplicating the work of the Better Health Programme Joint Committee, an information finding session on the ambitions for the district hospitals from the Better Health Programme team would also be undertaken.

## **Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel**

14. On 19 January 2016, the Executive considered the scrutiny panel's final report on the topic of Approved Mental Health Professionals (AMHPs). At the last meeting, held on 8 August 2016, the Assistant Director for Social Care provided an update on the progress made with the implementation of agreed actions.

15. On 16 June 2015, the Executive considered the scrutiny panel's final report on the topic of Safeguarding Adults in Residential Care. At the scrutiny panel's next meeting, scheduled to be held on 14 September 2016, the Assistant Director for Social Care will provide an update on the progress made with the implementation of agreed actions, since the panel's report was submitted to the Executive.

## **SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE**

16. Since the last update to Council, the following scrutiny panel reports have been submitted to, and approved by, The Executive:

- Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Safeguarding and Children in Care
- Environment Scrutiny Panel - Bereavement Services.

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