

COUNCIL

30 NOVEMBER 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 11 October and 8 November 2016 to consider the following:
 - a) Safeguarding and Children's Care Balanced Scorecard Concerns
 - b) Key Stage 4 Unvalidated Data
 - c) Revised Tree Policy Update
 - d) Final report of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Cancer Screening and Reducing Cancer Related Deaths
 - e) Tees-Wide Safeguarding Adults Board - Strategic Plan - 2016 - 2017
 - f) Final report of the Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel - Street Beggars
 - g) Final report of the Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Community Hubs

SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES

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

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel

4. The panel met on 9 November 2016. Representatives from Grandparents Plus, Kinship Carers Middlesbrough and the Association of Kinship Carers Tees Valley were in attendance to provide further information on the topic of family and friends care (kinship care).

Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel

5. The panel met on 10 October 2016 and agreed its final report on the topic of street beggars. The panel also received a verbal update from the Chair on the recent visit to HMP Holme House.
6. The panel last met on 11 November 2016 and received a briefing on recent changes to the delivery of substance misuse services and a 'setting the scene' presentation on the topic of sextortion.

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel

7. The panel met on 12 October 2016 and the draft final report on Community Hubs was finalised. The panel also received information in relation to the proposed commercial development in Centre Square, Middlesbrough.
8. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 16 November 2016 when the panel will receive information in relation to its next scrutiny topic of potholes.

Environment Scrutiny Panel

9. The Panel met on 6 October 2016 and received an overview in relation to the Council's School Catering Service, as part of its scrutiny investigation into Commercialisation.
10. The Panel last met on 3 November 2016. Members were provided with an overview of the Council's Building Cleaning and Pest Control Services from relevant Officers.

Health Scrutiny Panel

11. The panel met on 25 October to receive information from health representatives on the implications for Middlesbrough of the health service reforms that are taking place under the Better Health Programme. The meeting was opened by the Mayor and all Councillors were invited to attend.

Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

12. The committee met on 13 October to receive information on the following issues:
 - Accident and Emergency Services – Performance against waiting times;
 - Sustainability and Transformation Plans – Update;
 - Phase 4 Engagement Plan – Better Health Programme; and
 - Better Health Programme – Not in Hospital Services.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

13. The Committee met on 21 October to discuss the following issues:
 - Mental Health Services for Children and Young People;
 - North East Ambulance Services Quarterly Report and Update; and
 - Stakeholder Engagement Proposal – Transforming Care: Respite Services Review.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

14. The Committee met on 12 October 2016 to discuss the following issues:

- Proposed Training Plan;
- Devolution Deal – First Payment;
- Tees Valley Strategic Economic Plan – Creation of New Jobs
- Overview & Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

The Committee will be meeting in Middlesbrough Town Hall on 24 November 2016.

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

15. The Committee met on 3 November to receive information on the following issues:

- NEAS Outcome of the Care Quality Commission Inspection and Performance Update
- North East Urgent and Emergency Vanguard Project

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

16. The panel had met on 16 November 2016 to receive further information in respect of Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults. The Council's Head of Commissioning and Strategic Procurement and the Commissioning and Development Officer were in attendance to provide an introduction and overview of the work undertaken.

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

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

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Prevention Services in Adult Social Care.

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