

COUNCIL

11 JANUARY 2017

<p>SCRUTINY PROGRESS REPORT</p>
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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 13 December 2016 to consider the following:
 - a) Update from the Assistant Director for Environment, Property and Commercial Services
 - b) Scrutiny Training.

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 7 December 2016 to receive further evidence in respect of its review of Family and Friends Care (Kinship Care). The Council's Head of Assessment and Care Planning and Family Placement Manager provided information on:
 - The Local Authority's assessment and care planning processes for family and friends care.
 - The information, advice, practical support and financial support that the Local Authority currently provides to family and friends carers.

Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel

5. The panel met on 19 December 2016 to receive an update on its previous review topic of Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE). The Council's Assistant Director of Safeguarding

and Children's Care, Risk and Reduction Manager and the Independent Chair of the Local Children's Safeguarding Board were in attendance to provide the update.

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel

6. The panel met on 16 November 2016 and received information on the subject of pothole repair. A Final Report of the Panel's review of pothole repair will be presented to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration on 17 January 2016.
7. The panel also met on 8 December 2016 and received an update on the proposed Teesside Media and Innovation Village.
8. The panel's next meeting is scheduled for 11 January 2017 when the panel will receive information in relation to its next scrutiny topic of Linthorpe Road Regeneration.

Environment Scrutiny Panel

9. The Panel met on 1 December 2016 and received an overview in relation to the Environment, Property & Commercial Services (EPCS) - Commercialisation - Fleet Services, as part of its scrutiny investigation into Commercialisation.
10. The Panel considered the Draft Final Report in relation to its scrutiny investigation into Commercialisation and formulated its recommendations for inclusion within the Final Report.
11. The Panel also received an update in respect of North Ormesby market.

Health Scrutiny Panel

12. The panel met on 22 November 2016 to receive an update on Breast Radiology Services at James Cook University Hospital.
13. South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust provided updated information on the Trust's current financial position, the implementation of the CQC's action plan, Healthcare Associated Infections and car parking.
14. The panel met on 20 December 2016 to consider the topic of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). FASD is a condition linked to drinking alcohol in pregnancy. An overview presentation by Public Health and South Tees CCG was provided and a representative from the FASD Network was also in attendance.

Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

15. The committee met on 1 December 2016 to receive information in respect of the publication of the Durham, Darlington and Tees; Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Sustainability and Transformation Plans.
16. A presentation on feedback from NHS England and next steps in terms of the development of consultation options and associated communication and engagement plans were provided.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

17. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 26 January 2017.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

18. The Committee met on 24 November 2016 to discuss the following issues:

- Combined Authority Financial Resources and Management;
- Statutory Framework for Combined Authority Scrutiny; and
- Forward Plan

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 10 January 2017 at 10.30am in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool.

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

19. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 2 March 2017.

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

20. The panel met on 12 December 2016 to receive evidence in respect of its review of Safeguarding Adults in Middleborough. The Council's Director of Adult Social Services and the Community Safety Partnership & Neighbourhood Safety Team Manager provided information on:

- The work of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB)
- Raising awareness and preventing adult abuse and neglect - Communication and Engagement in 2015/16
- The approach undertaken by the Community Safety Partnership

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

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

Health Scrutiny Panel - Cancer Screening and Reducing Cancer Related Deaths.

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Capital Programme Management.

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