

**COUNCIL**

**15 FEBRUARY 2017**

**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 17 January 2017 to consider the following:
  - a) Final Report of Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Pothole Repair.

**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. The Panel met on 16 January 2017 and commenced a new review in relation to Apprenticeship Programmes. The Council's Community Learning Service Manager and the Apprentice and Work Skills Co-ordinator provided details in respect of the current position. The next meeting of the Panel was scheduled for 13 February 2017; three apprentices and a school Careers Adviser would be in attendance to provide the Panel with further information.

**Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel**

5. The panel met on 1 February 2017. At the meeting, the Assistant Director for Safeguarding and Children's Care presented updated information on children's social care, including:
  - Details of the progress made with the implementation of the post Ofsted action plan.
  - An outline of how the Government would reform children's social care in England.

- An overview of the cost and demand for placements.

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

6. The panel met on 6 February 2017 and received further information on the topic of sexting / youth produced sexual imagery. The Manager of Middlesbrough's Local Safeguarding Children's Board provided information on the esafety work undertaken with schools but advised that there was still a need to reach parents on this issue. An update on the multi-agency response to Child Sexual Exploitation by the Assistant Director of Safeguarding and Children's Care was also provided.

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

7. The Panel met on 11 January 2017 and commenced a new scrutiny in relation to Linthorpe Road Regeneration. The Acting Head of Development presented details of current and future plans in relation to the regeneration of Linthorpe Road and Middlesbrough Town Centre. The next meeting of the Panel was scheduled for 8 February 2017 and the Planning and Delivery Manager - Active Travel and Road Safety, would present an overview of transport and car parking in the Linthorpe Road area.

### **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

8. The Panel met on 12 January 2017 at the NONDET Offices, North Ormesby, to receive an update from the Business Development Manager at NONDET in relation to the operation of North Ormesby Market. The Panel requested a further update in respect of North Ormesby Market at its meeting on 6 April 2017. The Panel's next meeting was scheduled for 9 February 2017 when it would receive information in relation to the Council's current policy in relation to No Ball Games signs.

### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

9. The panel met on 31 January 2017 to receive an update on temporary changes to Breast Radiology Services at James Cook University Hospital (JCUH). The panel was reassured by the information received but requested a further update on the Trust's progress be provided in April 2017. The panel also received information on the development of care pathways for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). A Consultant Paediatrician at JCUH was in attendance and a greater insight into the challenges posed by the condition was provided.

### **Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

10. The committee met on 19 January 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Workforce considerations and service modelling
- Phase 4 Better Health Programme engagement events: Analysis Report

The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 9 March 2017.

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

11. The committee met on 26 January 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Stakeholder Engagement Proposal Transforming Care: Respite Services Review
- Mental Health Services for Children and Young People

The committee requested that an additional meeting be held in late February / early March to examine the implications of the Sustainable Transformation Plans (STPs) on the five South Tees authorities.

### **Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

12. The Committee met on 10 January 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Portfolio Briefing: Education, Skills and Employment;
- Apprenticeships; and
- Forward Plan

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 23 February 2017.

### **North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

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

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

14. The Panel met on 16 January 2017. At the meeting, the Independent Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board provided the Panel with information pertaining to the Board, and the work being undertaken in support of safeguarding vulnerable adults in Middlesbrough.

### **South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

15. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 20 February 2017.

### **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:

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel – Community Hubs.

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