

COUNCIL

26 JULY 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 the following dates:

28 March 2017 to consider the following:

- a) Final Report - Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel - Pothole Repairs.
- b) Final Report - Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Family and Friends Care (Kinship Care).
- c) Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.

20 April 2017 to consider the following:

- a) Call In – Future of Southlands Centre

13 June 2017 to consider the following:

- a) Final Report Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Apprenticeships
- b) Final Report of the Environment Scrutiny Panel - No Ball Games Signs
- c) Final Report of the Community Safety & Leisure Scrutiny Panel - Digital Safeguarding – Sexting
- d) Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel - Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)
- e) Update on Scrutiny Workshop

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's Final Report on Apprenticeships was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13 June 2017, where it had been approved for submission to the Executive.

As per the recommendations of the report, a further meeting of the Panel would be scheduled for November 2017 in order for an update to be received.

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel

5. The scrutiny panel met on 5 April 2017 to continue its investigation of Pupil Exclusions in Middlesbrough. At the meeting the panel received evidence from Middlesbrough's main alternative education providers, for excluded pupils. Representatives from Middlesbrough College, River Tees Multi Academy Trust and Lingfield Farm Choosing Pathways Programme were in attendance. The meeting provided Members with information in respect of each provider's:
 - Aims and objectives.
 - Policies, rules, interventions, rewards and sanctions, which assist in managing behaviour and helping pupils to achieve their full potential.
 - Achievements.

The scrutiny panel's last meeting was held on 14 June 2017. At the meeting the scrutiny panel considered its work programme and identified the following two topics it would like to investigate in 2017/18:

- Listening to the voice of the child
- Emotional wellbeing and mental health of children and young people

The above topics are subject to approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel (now Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel)

6. The first meeting of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to take place on 17 July 2017.

Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel (now Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel)

7. No meetings of the Panel had taken place since the last update to Council. The next meeting of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Panel would take place on 19 July 2017.

Environment Scrutiny Panel

8. The Panel met on 6 April 2017 and received an update on Bereavement Services. The Environment Scrutiny Panel had previously investigated the topic of Bereavement Services in 2016 and last received an update in July 2016. Officers provided an update on the Panel's previous recommendations and other relevant information.

9. The Panel also considered its Draft Final Report in relation to No Ball Games Signs Policy. The subsequent Final Report was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13 June 2017, where it was approved subject to the addition of a recommendation regarding the monitoring of reports of ball game nuisance/anti-social behaviour to ensure that the decision to no longer process requests for no ball games signs did not result in an escalation of anti-social behaviour complaints.

Health Scrutiny Panel

10. The panel met on 28 April 2017 to receive an update on Breast Radiology Services. Unfortunately owing to the scheduling of the General Election, introduction of the Purdah Period and advice issued by NHS England the NHS organisations scheduled to attend declined their invite. The panel requested that an invitation be re-extended to all invitees to attend a future meeting on this topic.
11. The Panel also considered its Draft Final Report in relation to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). The subsequent Final Report was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13 June 2017, where it was approved for consideration by the Executive.
12. The next meeting of the Health Scrutiny Panel had been scheduled to take place on 25 July 2017 when the panel would host an all Member Seminar on the STP.

Better Health Programme Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (now Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee)

13. The committee met on 10 July 2017 to discuss the following issues:
- Proposed re-designation of the Better Health Programme Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
 - Better Health Programme – Update

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

14. The next meeting of the committee had been scheduled to take place on 20 July 2017 to discuss the following issues:
- Mental Health Services for Children and Young People
 - Recommissioning of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Services
 - Stakeholder Engagement Findings and Proposals to Consult: Transforming Care Respite Services Review/Development
 - Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee – Protocol
 - Work Programme 2017/18

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

15. The committee met on 29 June 2017 to discuss the following issues:
- Outgoing Chair / Vice Chair Remarks
 - Selection of Chair and Vice Chair
 - Announcements from the Managing Director

- Mayoral Update
- Housing Overview
- Forward Plan

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 7 September 2017 at 10.00am – Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Hartlepool, TS24 8AY

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

16. The committee met on 28 June 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Terms of Reference for the North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- Better Health Programme – Verbal Update
- Work Plan for the 2017/18 Municipal Year
- North East and Cumbria Learning Disabilities Fast Track Transformation Plan

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

17. The Panel's Final Report on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults was submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 28 March 2017, where it had been approved for submission to the Executive.

The next meeting of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel had been scheduled to take place on 24 July 2017.

South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

18. No meetings of the Committee had taken place since the last update to Council.

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

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

Environment Scrutiny Panel - Commercialisation
 Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel – Pot Hole Repairs
 Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

The Final Report of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Family and Friends Care (Kinships Care) was submitted to Executive. At the Executive meeting, the Chair of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel briefly presented the scrutiny panel's final report but requested that the item be deferred, due to the brevity of the service response.

Following discussion it was agreed that further information and details were required in respect of the service response. It was agreed that the updated response would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration.

Environment Scrutiny Panel - Commercialisation;
 Economic Regeneration and Transport Scrutiny Panel – Pothole Repairs
 Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults

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