

**COUNCIL**

**1 NOVEMBER 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:

**12 September 2017 to consider the following:**

- a) Scrutiny Work Programme for each of the Scrutiny Panels for the forthcoming year.
- b) Executive Forward Work Programme

**10 October 2017 to consider the following:**

- a) Budget and Balanced Scorecard Position - Q1 2017/2018
- b) Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Final Report - Family and Friends Care (Kinship Care) - Revised Service Response
- c) Final Report of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Pupil Exclusions in Middlesbrough
- d) Executive Forward Work Programme
- e) Establishment of Respite and Short Break Opportunities Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

**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. An Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel has been established to look at the Budget for 2018/2019 and proposed savings. The first meeting of the Panel has been scheduled for 17 November 2017.

## **Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel**

5. The scrutiny panel met on 13 September 2017. At the meeting, the scrutiny panel received an update on the progress made with the implementation of the agreed recommendations/actions in respect of its 2015/16 review of Safeguarding and Children in Care. The Head of Quality Standards and Initial Response and the Special Educational Needs Consultant from the Virtual School were in attendance and responded to Members' enquiries. At the meeting, the scrutiny panel also considered and approved the content of the draft final report on Pupil Exclusions in Middlesbrough and agreed recommendations for submission to the Executive.
6. The scrutiny panel met again on 11 October 2017. At the meeting the scrutiny panel received an overview/introduction in respect of its new topic - Listening to the Voice of the Child. The Director of Children's Care and the Head of Partnerships provided Members with a general introduction/overview of listening to the voice of the child and the importance of seeing, observing and hearing the child.

## **Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel**

7. The scrutiny panel met on 17 July 2017 and considered its work programme and identified the following two topics it would like to investigate in 2017/18:
  - Selective Landlord Licensing
  - Drugs and Alcohol rehabilitation- how to prevent the revolving door issue
8. On 11 September 2017, The Panel had its setting the scene presentation in relation to Selective Landlord Licensing. The Head of Stronger Communities and Selective Landlord Licensing Manager were in attendance.
9. The panel were very complimentary of the scheme, however felt they wished to gain a wider knowledge of the subject/scheme and examine how the scheme in North Ormesby can be rolled out to other parts of Middlesbrough.
10. The panel also received a briefing from the Director of Culture and Communities in relation to Cultural Plan, prior to its submission to Executive.
11. At the meeting on 9 October 2017, the Panel had their meeting in North Ormesby Hub , where they met with members of the local community, Street Wardens and members of the Selective Licensing Team. The panel heard of the excellent community spirit within the ward and how selective licensing has helped bring the community back together. Some members of the Panel went on a walk about of North Ormesby following the meeting.
12. The Panel agreed the following terms of reference for the review:
  - To examine the provisions specified by the Housing Act 2004 in respect of regulating the private rented sector and the reasons behind the designation of North Ormesby.

- To examine the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme in North Ormesby and evaluate its impact on residents, tenants and landlords and consider other benefits the scheme has brought.
- To consider how the costs of the Selective Landlord Licensing Scheme and the incentives offered to landlords compare against other local authorities who have selective landlord licensing designation.
- To explore the options available to the Council in other areas of Middlesbrough, which have high levels of anti-social behavior/ low housing demand.
- The next meeting of the Panel will take place on 20 November 2017, where the panel have invited landlords to provide their views on the scheme. The panel has also invited the Head of Stronger Communities to provide an update on Street begging.

### **Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel**

13. The Panel met on 13 September 2017 and commenced its review on the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan including Bus Franchising with a presentation on the Plan from Mark Wilson, Head of Transport at the Tees Valley Combined Authority.
14. The Panel also received an overview of LED Street Lighting and the Council's Phase 1 LED Invest to Save Replacement Programme.
15. The Panel met again on 11 October 2017 and received information from an external consultant in relation to the Bus Services Act 2017 and various franchising options, in connection with its current review. The terms of reference for the review were approved.
16. In addition, the Panel received a very positive update on the Orange Pip Market which highlighted its successes to date as well as proposals for its future development.

### **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

17. The Panel met on 14 September 2017 and received an update from the service area in relation to a previous review, regarding environmental issues, undertaken in 2015 and an introduction to its new topic of Enforcement and Fly-tipping.
18. The Panel met again on 12 October 2017 and received an overview of the Council's current position in respect of fly-tipping, back alley cleaning and its junk job collection service. The terms of reference for the current review were also agreed.

### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

19. The scrutiny panel met on 26 September to receive an update from the South Tees Clinical Commissioning Group, South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Trust on the future delivery of Breast Radiology Services at James Cook University Hospital. At the meeting, the panel also considered and approved the content of the Scrutiny Panel investigation outline report on the topic of the Durham, Darlington and Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP and the implications for Middlesbrough residents.

20. Information was also provided to the panel in respect of the 'Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks for People with Complex Needs and/or Autism Consultation', launched on 4 September by South Tees CCG and Hartlepool and Stockton CCG. The panel agreed for Middlesbrough representatives to be appointed to a Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) tasked with formally responding to the proposals alongside Stockton, Hartlepool and Redcar and Cleveland Borough Councils. Finally, it was highlighted that a business case proposing a merger between Linthorpe GP Surgery and Oakfield Medical Practice was to be submitted to NHS England. The panel expressed the view that it had no objections to the proposals.

### **Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP Joint Health Overview Scrutiny Committee**

21. The committee met on 13 September 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Better Health Programme – Development of Hurdle and Evaluation Criteria for future service modelling. This included an update on feedback from the stakeholder engagement event held in the Xcel Centre, Newton Aycliffe, County Durham on Thursday 27 July 2017
- Durham, Darlington and Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby STP – Workstream development updates in relation to: - Prevention, Urgent Care, Mental Health, Learning Disability and Cancer.

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

22. The committee met on 11 October 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Suicide Prevention Plans within the Tees Valley
- North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) Quarterly Report, Update from CQC Review and Implementation of New Ambulance Standards – Tees Valley statistics

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

23. The committee met on 7 September 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- a) Mayoral Update
- b) Combined Authority Organisational Structure
- c) Industrial Strategy incorporating Sector Action Plans

The committee met on 17 October 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- a) Culture and Tourism Review
- b) Overview and Scrutiny Cabinet Report

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

24. The committee met on 27 September 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Update on the establishment of a Northumberland, Tyne and Wear and North Durham Sustainability and Transformation Plan Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- NEAS – Performance Update including the New National Ambulance Response Times – Presentation by representatives from the North East Ambulance Service

## **Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks Consultation Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

25. The committee met on 11 October 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Draft Joint Committee Terms of Reference
- Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks for People with Complex Needs and /or Autism Consultation – Briefing from the NHS

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

26. The Panel met on 20 September 2017 and received an update from the Chief Executive of the Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) in respect of the Community Connect Service. This related to a previous review of Prevention Services in Adult Social Care, which had been undertaken in 2015/2016. The Panel commenced its new review in respect of Reducing Loneliness and Isolation in Later Life, and also received information pertaining to a recent audit of the Safeguarding Adults Team.

27. The Panel met again on 23 October 2017 and received information from representatives of Ageing Better Middlesbrough and the Older Persons' Action Group regarding work being undertaken around loneliness and social isolation. The terms of reference for the current review were also agreed. The Chair of the Panel presented a report detailing the findings of working group activity undertaken in respect of Aster Care Home (formerly Belle Vue Care Home); Members agreed that the report would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration. The Panel also discussed the issue of care home safeguarding alerts.

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

28. The committee met on 2 October 2017 to discuss the following issues:

- Urgent Care Services – Update from South Tees CCG on the out of hours GP service across South Tees being placed in special measures by the CQC.
- Breast Radiology Services
- Joint Public Health Service - Update from the Director of Public Health on the implementation plan for establishing a joint public health service between Middlesbrough Council and Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council.

## **SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE**

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

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Apprenticeships  
Community Safety and Leisure Scrutiny Panel – Digital Safeguarding  
Environment Scrutiny Panel – No Ball Games Policy

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