

COUNCIL

6 DECEMBER 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:

7 November 2017 to consider the following:

- a) Tees-wide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) Annual Report - 2016/2017.
- b) Attendance of Director Public Health and Public Protection to discuss the information contained in the Budget and Balanced Scorecards Q1 2017/18 pertaining to Public Health and Public Protection.
- c) Final Report - Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Aster Care (formerly Belle Vue Care Home)

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 17 November 2017 to receive information in respect of its new topic - Council Budget 2018-2019 and Proposed Savings. The Panel provided feedback following the presentation of the submitted report. The report would be considered by the Executive on 21 November 2017, and subsequently by Full Council on 6 December 2017. The Panel requested that a further meeting be scheduled in order to receive additional information from Children's Services officers in relation to some of the savings proposals that had been made. This meeting would be held on 14 December 2017.

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel

5. The scrutiny panel met on 8 November 2017. At the meeting the Scrutiny Panel received an update from officers from the Children's Services Department on work that was currently being undertaken to listen to the Voice of the Child and the importance of seeing, observing and hearing the child. The officers also informed the Scrutiny Panel of future challenges the department faced to ensure that the Voice of the Child was heard.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Continuing the panel's investigation of Selective Licensing, the panel met on 20 November 2017 to speak with private landlords.

During the meeting the landlords were asked a series of questions, relating to their experiencing of the scheme, issues that may have faced and any factors which might improve the scheme.

The landlords were very complimentary of the scheme and the Selective Licensing team, however expressed concern that North Ormesby would decline once the scheme comes to an end.

At the December meeting, the Panel will hear from neighbouring authorities I respect to their schemes.

The panel also received an update from Marion Walker, Head of Stronger Communities and Jane Hill, Community Safety Manager with regard to street beggars, following the former Community Safety and Leisure's final report earlier this year.

The Panel were pleased to hear that there was significant work being undertaken within this area. A dedicated town centre multi agency team had now been established co-located in Middlesbrough Police station. This has seen many positives, including daily briefings to ensure a co-ordinated approach.

An operational action plan had also been developed to put forward a strategy to tackle street begging.

Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

7. The Panel met on 8 November 2017 and received further information pertinent to its current review of the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan including Bus Franchising. The Panel heard from two guest speakers: Matt Goggins from Merseytravel and Dr Ian Taylor from Transport for Quality of Life. The presentations focussed on the Liverpool City Region Bus Alliance, research regarding the impact of de-regulation and the opportunities and powers provided by the Bus Services Act 2017.

Environment Scrutiny Panel

8. The Panel met on 9 November 2017 and received further information from the service area in relation to its current review of Fly-tipping and Enforcement. Information was provided in relation to how the public and Elected Members can report incidents of fly-tipping to the Council and how those reports are dealt with. Data in relation to the

numbers of reports of fly-tipping was also provided. In addition, the Panel was provided with clarification on several issues raised at its previous meeting, including detailed information regarding the legislation used to issue FPNs.

Health Scrutiny Panel

9. 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.
10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for 30 November 2017.

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

14. 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

15. 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

16. The Panel met on 13 November 2017 and received further information in respect of its current review - Reducing Loneliness and Isolation in Later Life. The Panel heard from guest speaker Claire Boshier, who provided details regarding work being undertaken by the British Red Cross. The Panel also received an update presentation from Lisa Jones, The Live Well Centre Project Manager and Public Health Contracts Manager, in respect of The Live Well Centre.

South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

17. 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

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

- Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Family and Friends Care (Kinship Care) - Revised Action Plan
- Health Scrutiny Panel's Final Report - Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD)

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