

**COUNCIL**

**24 JANUARY 2018**

<p><b>SCRUTINY PROGRESS REPORT</b></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 the following dates:

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

- a) Attendance of Chief Executive
  - b) Budget and Balanced Scorecards
  - c) Update - Apprenticeships
3. The Board is due to meet on 16 January 2018 to consider a call-in request in respect of a decision of the Executive Sub Committee for Property held on 20 December 2017 with regard to the Members Small Scheme Allocation.

**SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES**

4. The updated position in respect of the work of each of the Council's scrutiny panels is shown below.

**Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

5. The Panel met on 4 January 2018 to receive further information in respect of the Council Budget 2018-2019 and Proposed Savings. The Director of Children's Care was in attendance to provide Members with information regarding the savings proposals in respect of Looked-After Children.

The Panel agreed that a further meeting would be scheduled for 8 February 2018 for Members to receive information regarding budget consultation work.

The Panel's next investigation would focus upon Council Tax Collection. It was agreed that this review would commence at the next scheduled meeting on 8 February 2018, upon conclusion of the Council Budget 2018-2019 and Proposed Savings investigation.

**Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel**

6. The scrutiny panel met on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2017 and received presentations from the Family Youth Justice Board and Barnardo's. The presentations provided information on how the two organisations Listen to the Voice of the Child.
7. The Panel met on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018 with young people from the Linx Detached Outreach Project. A round table discussion took place with the young people to gain their views on what they thought was important when Listening to the Voice of the Child.

### **Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel**

8. The scrutiny panel met on 18 December 2017 to continue its investigation of Selective Licensing, The panel wished to gain a comparison from neighbouring authorities in respect of Selective Licensing. The Panel invited representatives from Hartlepool Council to provide an overview of their scheme.
9. The Panel were advised that Hartlepool are currently in their second scheme of Selective licensing, which covered 13 streets across the town. The panel were interested to hear the differences of the two schemes, e.g. in relation to property inspections and costs.
10. During the meeting, there was reference made to the legislation under Local Housing Act 2004, and the members wished to gain a fuller understand of what the legislation covers and what Middlesbrough's Selective license covered.
11. At the January meeting, members will receive a presentation from Marion Walker, Head of Stronger Communities and Louise Kelly, Selective Licensing Manager regarding Middlesbrough's Scheme/ legislation. The Panel will also hear from a representative from Durham County Council who will provide an overview of Durham's Selective Licensing Scheme.

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

12. The Panel met on 13 December 2017 and received information in relation to Middlesbrough's Local Implementation Plan (LIP) as part of the current review of the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan including Bus Franchising. In relation to the review of LED Lighting the Panel received further information from the Council's contractor: Galliford Try.
13. At a meeting held on 10 January 2018, the Panel considered and approved two final reports: the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan including Bus Franchising and LED Lighting. The Panel also received an update on the regeneration of Albert Road and heard evidence from a representative of local property developer Jomast, as well as Council Officers.

### **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

14. The Panel met on 14 December 2017 and received a presentation from the Assistant Director of Neighbourhoods, Redcar and Cleveland Council, regarding fly-tipping and enforcement within the Redcar and Cleveland area. The presentation included information on current arrangements and initiatives within the borough of Redcar and Cleveland.

### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

15. The scrutiny panel met on 19 December 2017. At that meeting the panel received evidence from the Director of Programmes and Primary Care at STCCG in respect of the CCG's recent decision to close Resolution Health Centre, a GP Practice in North Ormesby, as of 31 March 2017. It was acknowledged that although dispersal of a list size of over 5000 patients placed significant pressure on patients and local practices, unfortunately no providers had come forward to run the practice.
16. With regard to the panel's work on the topic of the DDTHRW STP the panel received a presentation from the Finance Director at South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust and the Chief Officer and Director of Finance at South Tees CCG. The discussion focussed on the potential financial implications of the STP for acute service delivery in Middlesbrough.
17. Finally, the panel discussed the recommendations arising from the meeting of the Respite and Short Breaks Joint OSC meeting on 14 December 2017. The panel was not supportive of either of the options put forward and in line with the Joint OSC recommended that the CCG's should retain the current level of service provision at Bankfields and Aysgarth. A formal response was submitted to the CCG's on 11 January 2017.

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

18. The committee met on 8 November 2017 and discussed the following issues:

- Local Authority involvement, engagement and considerations
- Development of a Workforce Strategy
- Building a sustainable future for the Friarage Hospital – Engagement programme

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

19. The committee met on 19 January 2018 and discussed the following issues:

- Roseberry Park – Tees, Esk and Wear Valley Foundation Trust
- Recommissioning of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) – Report of the NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees CCG (to follow).

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

20. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 21 February 2018.

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

21. The committee met on 14 December 2017 and considered the following:

- The results of the Public Consultation
- The outstanding information requests
- The main themes of the Joint Committee's response

22. Following the meeting a formal response to the Consultation was prepared by the

Joint OSC and submitted to the CCG's on 11 January 2018. A decision will be taken on the outcome of the Consultation at a CCG Governing Body meeting in common, which is scheduled to take place on 1 February 2018. A further meeting of the Joint OSC will be held on 5 February to discuss the CCG's decision.

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

23. The Panel met on 20 December 2017 to continue its investigation regarding the reduction of loneliness and isolation in later life. Members received information from Anne Sykes, Chief Executive of Age UK Teesside, in this regard.
24. At the next meeting, scheduled for 17 January 2018, representatives from Cleveland Fire Authority and Thirteen Housing Group will be in attendance to provide information regarding the work that their respective organisations are undertaking in relation to this topic.
25. Members also received information from the Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement regarding the Local Authority's Star Rating Assessment System, and also from the Chair of the Panel in relation to a Review of Learning Disability Respite Services.

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

26. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 9 February 2018.

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

27. The committee met on 16 January 2018 to consider the following:
  - a) Budget 2018/2019 Overview and Scrutiny Budget Task and Finish Group Report.
  - b) Forward Plan
28. The next meeting is scheduled for 27th February 2018 at 0.00am in Cavendish House, Stockton- On-Tees, TS17 6QY

### **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:

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel – Public Exclusions in Middlesbrough

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