

COUNCIL

28 MARCH 2018

<p>SCRUTINY PROGRESS REPORT</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:

16 January 2018 to consider the following:

- a) Call-In Members Small Scheme Allocation. – The decision of the Board was not to refer the application back to the Executive Sub Committee for Property.

20 February 2018 to consider the following:

- a) Review of Learning and Disability Respite Services - Task and Finish Group and Update on the issue;
- b) Final Report of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan Including Bus Franchising;
- c) Final Report of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - LED Lighting;
- d) Executive Forward Work Programme;
- e) Review of Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules;
- f) Update - Merger of Linthorpe Surgery and Oakfield Medical Practice;
- g) Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports.

13 March 2018 to consider the following:

- a) Call-In - Call In - Centre Square East Office Development - Council Investment and Accommodation. The decision of the Board was not to refer the application back to the Executive.

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 8 February 2018 to receive further information in respect of the Council Budget 2018-2019 and Proposed Savings. The Corporate Strategy Manager was in attendance to provide Members with information. Upon the topic reaching a conclusion, it was agreed that an update would be provided to the Overview and Scrutiny Board in October 2018, prior to consultation activity in respect of the Council Budget 2019-2020 and Proposed Savings being undertaken. A report regarding the outcome of this current review would be prepared in due course.
5. The panel also started its investigation into Council Tax Collection at the 8 February meeting. It was provided with an overview of Council Tax collection by officers from both the Council and Kier. A full report will be provided in due course.

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel

6. The scrutiny panel met on 13 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 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.
8. The scrutiny panel met on 7th February 2018 and received a presentation from Ben Carr (Member of Youth Parliament) on the benefits of establishing a Youth Council in Middlesbrough.
9. The panel met on 14 March 2018 and received an update from the Director of Children's Care on the Action Plan in respect of the scrutiny panel's 2015/16 investigation of Safeguarding and Children in Care.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

10. The Panel met on 22 January 2018 and received a presentation from Marion Walker, Head of Stronger Communities and Louise Kelly, Selective Licensing Manager regarding Middlesbrough's Scheme/ legislation. The Panel also heard from a representative from Durham County Council who will provide an overview of Durham's Selective Licensing Scheme.
11. The Panel met on 19 February 2018 and were provided with a presentation on the Council's enforcement powers.

Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

12. The Panel met 7 February 2018 and commenced a scrutiny review into Housing Delivery Vehicles (HDVs), receiving an overview of the topic from the Director of

Regeneration and the Head of Capital Projects. The Panel also received an update on the regeneration of The Crown building in Linthorpe Road.

13. At a meeting held on 14 March 2018, the Panel heard further evidence in relation to a research project on Housing Delivery Vehicles from Janice Morphet, University College London. The Panel also received an update on the Council's Car Parking Review.

Environment Scrutiny Panel

14. The Panel met on 18 January 2018 and received information from the Deputy Director of Campus Services (Facilities) from Teesside University, regarding the arrangements between the University, students and landlords in respect of current waste disposal arrangements as part of its scrutiny investigation into fly-tipping and enforcement.

15. The Panel met again on 15 February 2018 when it received an update on Flood Risk and was provided with details of proposed and ongoing flood-risk schemes.

Health Scrutiny Panel

16. The Panel met on 31 January 2018 to consider its draft final report on Breast Radiology Services in South Tees and the impact of Carillion's liquidation on South Tees NHS Foundation Trust.

17. The Panel met again on 27 February 2018 to consider the outcome of the CCG's Respite and Short Break Opportunities for people with Learning Disabilities, Complex Needs and Autism consultation. At a joint meeting of the CCG's on 1 February 2018 the decision was made by the CCGs to progress to implementation option 2 of the proposals.

18. In light of the above the Panel was asked to determine any outstanding concerns in respect of the decision, whether the Panel would be minded to make a referral if those concerns could not be resolved and on what basis a referral would likely be made. The power of referral to the Secretary of State remains with each constituent local authority.

19. The decision was taken by the Panel that if the concerns raised cannot be resolved it is minded to make a referral on the basis that it is not satisfied with the adequacy of the content of the consultation and it considers that the proposals would not be in the interests of the health service in our area. Formal notification of the Panel's decision was sent to the CCG's on 1 March 2018.

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

20. The next meeting of the Committee is to be confirmed.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

21. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 18 April 2018:

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

22. The committee met on 15 February 2018 and considered the following:

- Specialist Services Update (Vascular Services Review and Neonatal Intensive Care) – *Presentation by North Region Specialised Commissioning Team*
- Community Pharmacies / Use of Pharmacies for Minor Ailments and Other Services – Covering Report – *Statutory Scrutiny Officer/Chair of a Local Professional Network for Pharmacies/Chair of the Pharmaceutical Services Negotiating Committee*
- NEAS NHS Foundation Trust – Quality Account 2017/18 – Covering Report – *Scrutiny Manager/Assistant Director of Communications and Engagement, North East Ambulance Service*

Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks Consultation Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

23. The committee met on 5 February 2017 to discuss the CCG's decision. Following discussion the Chair requested that each local authority determine whether it is minded to make a referral to the Secretary of State if the issues and concerns raised by Members cannot be addressed. Subsequently Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland Council have reported that they are minded to make a referral should outstanding issues not be resolved.
24. A meeting of the Joint OSC was held on 19 March 2018 to initiate the discussions with the CCG's to attempt to reach agreement. An update on these discussions will be provided at today's meeting.

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

25. The Panel met on 17 January 2018 to continue its investigation into 'Reducing Loneliness and/or Social Isolation in Later Life'. Representatives from Cleveland Fire Authority and Thirteen Housing Group were in attendance to provide information regarding the work that their respective organisations were undertaking in relation to this topic.
26. The Panel met on 12 February 2018 to continue its investigation around 'Reducing Loneliness and/or Social Isolation in Later Life'. Representatives from Cleveland Police and the Council's Neighbourhood Safety Team were in attendance to provide information regarding the work that their respective services were undertaking in relation to this topic.

A representative of Middlesbrough Live at Home Scheme was also in attendance at the meeting to provide the Panel with information regarding the work being undertaken by the organisation.

27. The Panel will consider its draft final report in respect of 'Reducing Loneliness and/or Social Isolation in Later Life' at the next meeting, scheduled for 21 March 2018.

South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

28. The next meeting of the Committee is to be determined.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

29. The committee met on 27 February 2018 to consider the following:
- a) Combined Authority alignment to the Northern Powerhouse Forward Plan;
 - b) Overview & Scrutiny Committee Annual Report;
 - c) Forward Plan.

30. The next meeting is scheduled for 28th April 2018.

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

31. Since the last update to Council no scrutiny panel reports have been submitted to, and approved by, the Executive:

URGENT DECISIONS

Title of Decision	Reason for Urgency	Date of Decision
To formally consent under section 102J of the Local Transport Act 2008 to the making by the Secretary of State of Regulations to establish Transport for the North as a Sub-National Transport Body and to giving TfN concurrent highway powers.	To enable the draft regulations to be registered as soon as possible	19/10/2017
To seek the consent to the making of the Tees Valley Combined Authority (Borrowing) Regulations 2018.	Response required by 28 February 2018 to enable the TVCA to have borrowing powers to cover all of its functions. Consent is required by Government from constituent councils of TVCA before legislation can be laid before Parliament	14/2/2018

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