

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
Date	20 June 2018
Purpose of the report	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.
Summary of the report	The report provides an update in respect of issues considered at each individual Scrutiny Panel and the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
If this is a confidential report, which exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies?	NO
Decision(s) asked for	That the report be noted
Impact of decision(s)	Members will be able to keep abreast of the work carried out through the Scrutiny Process

What is the purpose of this report?

1. To update the position in respect of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board (OSB) and scrutiny panels.

Why is this report necessary?

2. The report is necessary so that Members are aware of the work being carried out by the individual Scrutiny Panels and the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

What decision(s) are being asked for?

3. That Council note the report.
4. The current position regarding progress made by the Board and each of the panels is set out below.

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Since the last Council update, the Overview and Scrutiny Board met on the following dates:

10 April 2018:

- a) Budget and Balanced Scorecards Position at Q3 2017/2018
- b) Aster Care Report
- c) Final Report - Environment Scrutiny Panel - Fly Tipping and Enforcement
- d) Executive Forward Plan
- e) Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports

11 May 2018:

Call-In Southlands Centre - Future Options - The decision of the Board was not to refer the application back to the Executive Committee.

5 June 2018:

- a) Final Report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel - Council Budget 2018-2019 and Proposed Savings
- b) Final Report of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel - Reducing Loneliness and/or Social Isolation in Later Life
- c) Final Report of the Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel - Listening to the Voice of the Child
- d) Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Selective Landlord Licensing
- e) Executive Forward Work Programme
- f) Scrutiny Panel Progress Reports

SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES

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

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 4 April 2018 and received information about the introduction of Universal Credit and what impact this may have on Middlesbrough residents, specifically in relation to Council Tax Collection processes.

Children and Learning Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 14 March 2018 and heard from the Director of Children's Care who provided an update in respect of the scrutiny panel's 2015/16 investigation of Safeguarding and Children in Care. Members were provided with an update on the progress made with the implementation of the agreed recommendations/actions, since the final report was submitted to the Executive on 7 June 2016.

The Scrutiny Panel met on 11 April 2018 and agreed the conclusions and recommendations in relation to the final report on Listening to the Voice of the Child, prior to its submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 5 June 2018.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 23 April 2018 and received a presentation from Claire Moore, Domestic Abuse Operational Coordinator who provided an update on the progress Middlesbrough Domestic Abuse Strategic Partnership (DASP) has made in relation to the 2016 Preventing Domestic Abuse Strategy. The presentation also provided members with the findings of the domestic abuse needs assessment which was completed in September 2017 on behalf of the Partnership to determine the high level priorities and inform decisions about future commissioning of domestic abuse services.

The Panel also agreed the conclusions and recommendations in relation to the final report on Selective Landlord Licensing, prior to its submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 5 June 2018.

Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 11 April 2018 to continue with the current review of housing delivery vehicles. The Head of Planning provided information in relation to Middlesbrough's Local Plan, which looked forward from 2012 to 2029 and set out type, size and mix of housing as well as the design and layout. Members also received information in relation to arrangements for the infrastructure required to support housing delivery, in accordance with the Panel's terms of reference for the review.

Environment Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 12 April 2018 and received updates in relation to two previous reviews undertaken by the Panel – Commercialisation and No Ball Games signs.

It was highlighted that this was the final meeting of the Environment Scrutiny Panel and that from the 2018/19 Municipal Year, the Panel would be integrated with Economic Development and Infrastructure to form the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel.

Health Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 29 March 2018 to discuss the Director of Health's Annual Report entitled 'Dying Before Our Time?' which highlighted concerns regarding both trends in length and quality of life expectancy for Middlesbrough residents. An update on the outcome of the Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks Joint Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 19 March 2018 was also provided. The panel was advised that a recommendation had been made that further discussions be undertaken via the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee, as both Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland were minded to make a referral in respect of the respite issue.

The panel met on 24 April 2018 and received an update in respect of the panel's previous review on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorder (FASD). A representative from the North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) was also in attendance to provide information requested on the dispatch of Emergency Ambulances in response to 111 calls.

On 18 May 2018 the panel met to determine the Council's position in relation to making a referral to the Secretary of State. It was determined that a referral would be made in

respect of the CCG's decision to reconfigure the respite service for people with learning disabilities, complex needs and/or autism.

At its meeting on 12 June 2018 the panel gave consideration to the 2018/19 work programme and a report will be submitted to OSB for approval. Representatives from South Tees CCG were also in attendance to provide the panel with information in respect of a review on the future provision of Community Skin Services in South Tees.

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

The Committee met on the 13 June 2018 to receive a verbal update from the STP Lead Officer on the following issues:-

- The future of Sustainability and Transformation Plans;
- Development of Integrated Care Partnership/System/Network and what this means in relation to the STP;
- Progress updates on the STP workstreams including the Better Health Programme/Acute Hospitals Model development.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

The Committee met on the 18 June 2018 to consider the following issues:-

- Work Programme for 2018/19
- Roseberry Park

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

The committee is scheduled to meet on 21 June 2018.

Respite Opportunities and Short Breaks Consultation Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 19 March and at that meeting both Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland Council informed the South Tees CCG and HAST CCG that they were minded to make a referral to the Secretary of State, if outstanding issues could not be resolved. Further discussion would be undertaken via the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee.

Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 16 April 2018 to receive an update from the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration in respect of its previous review – 'Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults'. Members also received a verbal update in relation to matters considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 10 April 2018.

South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

The South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee met on 25 April 2018 in an effort to achieve a local resolution with the CCG's following their decision to reconfigure the respite service for people with learning disabilities, complex needs and/or autism. Representatives from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust

(TEWV) and the parent / carer representatives from Bankfields and Aysgarth were also in attendance. Whilst the assurances provided by the CCG's and TEWV addressed some of the concerns expressed by Members and service users, they had not resolved the situation to Members' satisfaction. The Joint Committee recommended that each Council confirm its intention to refer the decision to the Secretary of State.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The committee met on 26 April 2018 to consider the following:

- a) Portfolio Updates
- b) Forward Plan

The committee met on 7 June 2018 to consider the following:

- a) Outgoing Chair's Remarks
- b) Managing Director's Update
- c) Forward Plan

The next meeting is scheduled for 19 July 2018.

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

Since the last update to Council, the following Scrutiny Panel reports have been submitted to, and approved by, the Executive:

- Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel – LED Lighting;
- Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel – Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan Including Bus Franchising;
- Environment Scrutiny Panel – Fly-Tipping and Enforcement; and
- Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel – Aster Care Home (Formerly Belle Vue Care Home).

URGENT DECISIONS

Since the last update to Council, no urgent decisions have been made.

Other potential decisions and why these have not been recommended

5. No other options were considered.

Impact(s) of recommended decision(s)

Legal

6. There are no legal implications as a result of the proposed appointments.

Financial

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report

The Mayor's Vision for Middlesbrough

8. The report is in line with the Mayor's vision for Middlesbrough

Policy Framework

9. The report does not impact on the overall budget and policy framework.

Wards

10. The report does not impact on wards

Risk

11. Not applicable.

Equality and Diversity

12. An Impact Assessment has not been completed, as the changes will not adversely impact on any individual group.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

13. Not applicable

Background papers

No unpublished background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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