

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
Date	5 December 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:

2 Oct 2018

- a) Budget and Balanced Scorecards – Position at Quarter 1
- b) Final report of the Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Panel – Housing Delivery Vehicle
- c) Executive forward Work Programme
- d) Scrutiny Panel Progress Updates

30 Oct 2018

- a) Budget Consultation Process – Outline
- b) Children’s Services – Service Update
- c) Final report of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Council Tax Collection Processes in Middlesbrough
- d) Executive Forward Work Programme
- e) Scrutiny Panel Progress Updates

13 Nov 2018

- a) Budget Setting – Proposals

SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES

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

Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 8 October 2018. The Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration was in attendance to provide the Panel with an update regarding the integration of Health and Social Care. The Panel received information from representatives of independent care homes and domiciliary care providers in respect of its investigation into ‘The LGB&T Community and Elderly Care’. The Panel was provided with an update on the matters that had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 2 October 2018.

The Scrutiny Panel met again on 5 November 2018 to receive information from the Head of Strategic Commissioning and the Commissioning Officer for Nursing, in respect of the issues facing the nursing care home market. The Panel was also provided with an update on the matters that had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 30 October 2018.

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on the 10 October 2018 and received an update from the Middlesbrough Community Learning Service about developments to the apprenticeship programme.

The Panel also considered, and agreed, the Final Report concerning Council Tax Collection Processes in Middlesbrough.

The Panel agreed that its next topic for consideration would be Loneliness and Isolation in Young People, namely 11-16 year olds.

Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 22 October 2018. At the meeting the Scrutiny Panel received information from Andy Falconer from the Game On Project and Ricky Tomlinson from Linx Detached Youth Project on holiday provision taking place across the town for older children and young people. The Panel also received an update from Heather Black on an evaluation that had been carried out on the Feast of Fun Project.

The Scrutiny Panel met again on 19 November 2018. At the meeting the Scrutiny Panel agreed the recommendations for the draft final report on School Holiday Provision.

The Scrutiny Panel also discussed Mental Health in Children and Young People which will be the next topic that the panel will investigate.

Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 16 October 2018. The Family Partnership Manager and the Family Casework Manager were in attendance at the meeting, accompanied by the Director of Prevention and Partnerships, and provided detailed information in relation to the work of each of the teams. Following the meeting, arrangements were made for Panel Members to undertake individual home visits with Family Practitioners from the Casework Team to gain a first-hand insight into the work undertaken by the Team. The visits were scheduled to take place between 5 and 16 November 2018.

The Scrutiny Panel met again on 13 November 2018 when the Work Readiness Manager, accompanied by the Head of Prevention and the Director of Partnerships and Prevention, was in attendance. The Panel was provided with information regarding the work of the Team, including impact data. The Panel recognised the year on year improvement in relation to NEET figures (Not in Employment, Education or Training) and agreed to visit the Work Readiness Team in the near future. Members were also offered the opportunity to accompany Work Readiness Practitioners on home visits to speak to young people.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 15 October 2018, where they were provided with three presentations relating to the projects Middlesbrough Community Learning offer to individuals to assist them to be 'work ready' and gain employment. The three projects were Routes to Work, Youth Employment Initiative (YEI) and Adult Education Budget-(Skills). During the meeting, the members heard from three learners from the YEI, who shared their learning journey and commended the service for what they offer. The panel learnt about the outcomes for each project and what they hope to achieve in the coming years.

At its meeting on 19 November 2018, the panel received its final presentation on the adult education budget, which focused on community learning. The panel learnt of the fantastic partnership work Community learning do and were fortunate to meet with a local business owner who offers first-hand work experience within North Ormesby as

well as offering tailor made training courses to Middlesbrough residents, so that they can learn without concerns for childcare etc. During the meeting, the panel also heard from a learner who shared her courageous story of how community learning has transformed her life. The panel were touched by her story and commended the service for the work they do.

Following on from the evidence, the panel will now draw up a short report detailing their findings.

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 7 November 2018 and received information from Matthew Mace, Group Manager, Transport Strategy at Leicester City Council, with regard to initiatives in place to improve air quality in Leicester. David Carter, Head of Transport and Infrastructure and Chris Orr, Infrastructure Programme Manager, also attended the meeting to provide updates on Middlesbrough projects.

The Panel also drafted and approved the Terms of Reference for the current scrutiny topic of Air Pollution.

Health Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 13 November 2018 and the Director of Strategic Planning and Performance at STCCG was in attendance to update Members on the CCG's current position in respect of health service provider contracts due for renewal in 2018/19 and 2019/20.

In light of the recently agreed aligned incentive contract with South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation the panel also sought clarification in respect of vulnerable and fragile health services locally. The current financial challenges facing STCCG were also discussed.

The Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration provided an update on the work undertaken on health and social care service integration. It was acknowledged that there were varying degrees of integration being undertaken across the UK and the Joint South Tees HWBB (Live Well Board) was in the process of developing a vision for health and social care service integration in South Tees.

The Joint Director of Public Health and Public Protection outlined the potential impact of reductions in Public Health funding on local service provision by 2021. The panel noted with some concern that the information regarding the levels of funding beyond 2020 was still awaited. There was also a concern about the possibility of a new funding formula that maybe applied and how that formula could possibly lead to a reduction in Middlesbrough's Public Health funding allocation by approximately £1m a year.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

The Committee met on 2 October 2017 to receive a briefing on proposals regarding Direct Access to Hearing Services. A presentation was provided by representatives of HaST, DDES, North Durham, South Tees and Darlington CCG's. It was noted that:-

- The review did not affect the Audiology service provided at South Tees and North Tees Trusts for more complex services.
- The preferred option was to move to a Prime Provider model.
- The successful bidder would be appointed in January 2019 and an update would be provided to the Committee at that point.

The task and finish group established to undertake a review of Roseberry Park visited the hospital site on 29 October 2018. Further to the visit a meetings with Carers groups at both Roseberry Park and Sandwell Park in Hartlepool have been held.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 19 October 2018 and considered the following:

- Review of South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol
- Update on urgent care and the ELM Alliance
- NHS South Tees CCG Annual Assessment and Financial Recovery Plan
- South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board
- Breast Diagnostic Services in South Tees
- Discussion on work programme and future meeting dates

North East Joint Health Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 27 November 2018 and considered the following:

- Translation and Interpretation Service
- Joint Scrutiny Committee updates

Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmond and Whitby STP Joint Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 27 November 2018 and considered the following:

- An Integrated Care System for the North East and Cumbria
 - i) Developing Integrated Health and Care Partnerships
 - ii) Clinical Strategy Development – South Integrated Care Partnership
- Durham, Darlington and Tees Valley CCGs – CCG Collaborative

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 25 October 2018 and considered the following:

- Interim Managing Directors Update
- Update: South Tees Development Corporation
- Budget 2019/20
- Portfolio Update: Transport
- Scrutiny Study Update: Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority
- Forward Plan

The Committee are next due to meet on 6th December 2018 at 10.00am – Cavendish House, Stockton-On-Tees, TS17 6QY

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

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

- Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel - Housing Delivery Vehicles

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 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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