

**COUNCIL**

<b>Report title</b>	Scrutiny Progress Report
<b>Chief Executive or Director</b>	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
<b>Date</b>	16 January 2019
<b>Purpose of the report</b>	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.
<b>Summary of the report</b>	The report provides an update in respect of issues considered at each individual Scrutiny Panel and the Overview and Scrutiny Board.
<b>If this is a confidential report, which exemption(s) from the Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 applies?</b>	NO
<b>Decision(s) asked for</b>	That the report be noted
<b>Impact of decision(s)</b>	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 4 December 2018 and considered the following:-

- a) Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board – Annual Report 2017/18 and Business Plan
- b) Budget and Balanced Scorecards – Position at Quarter 2
- c) Executive update - updates on Scrutiny Final Reports and other matters considered by Executive
- d) Executive forward Work Programme
- e) Scrutiny Panel Progress Updates

## **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 3 December 2018. At the meeting, Members and invited representatives examined the Clinical Commissioning Groups' (CCGs') proposed new assessment process for Learning Disabilities (LD) respite opportunities, and the potential financial implications. The development of the proposed new assessment tool and the involvement of parent/carer representatives in this process were discussed. The Panel also considered, and agreed, the final report in respect of 'The LGB&T Community and Elderly Care', and received an update on the matters that had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 13 November 2018.

At the Scrutiny Panel's meeting held on 7 January 2019, Members received a general overview/introduction of 'Social Care Support for Older Carers'. Information was submitted by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration and the Chief Executive of Carers Together. The Panel also received an update regarding the integration of Health and Social Care, and the matters that had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 4 December 2018.

### **Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel has not met since the last update to Council. It will be meeting with Public Health representatives in January/ February in pursuance of its next topic - Loneliness and Isolation in Young People, namely 11-16 year olds.

### **Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel**

The Scrutiny Panel met on 17 December 2018. At the meeting, the Scrutiny Panel received an update on its 2017/18 review of Listening to the Voice of the Child. The Head of Strategic Services and the Voice of the Child Practitioner provided Members with detailed information on the progress made with the implementation of agreed recommendations/actions. The Scrutiny Panel also agreed the focus and terms of reference for its new investigation of Mental Health in Schools. The Scrutiny Panel will examine how schools promote emotional resilience and positive mental health among their pupils.

At the Scrutiny Panel's next meeting, on 14 January 2019, Members will receive a general overview/introduction of Mental Health in Schools. At the meeting evidence will be submitted by the Director of Education, the CAMHS Transformation/HeadStart Programme Manager and the Professional Lead for the 0-19 Healthier Together Service.

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

The Scrutiny Panel met on 11 December 2018. The Panel had requested further information from relevant partners regarding how they worked with the Council (and other partners) to support children, young people and families in providing early help and prevention services.

Subsequently, representatives from the Tees, Esk and Wear Valley (TEWV) Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS), Public Health South Tees, Headstart Programme and the Healthier Together 0-19 Healthy Child Programme (Harrogate and District NHS Foundation Trust), attended the meeting to provide information regarding each of their respective services.

## **Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel met on 17 December 2018 and reviewed its first evidence session in relation to the Council's partnership working with the Voluntary Community Sector. The panel heard from Mark Davies, Chief Executive from MVDA and Lesley Spaven, Head of Community and Service Development in relation to the partnership. The presentation discussed the sector, who and what was included and the key partnerships with the Council.

At the next meeting on 21 January 2019, the Panel will review a presentation from Adam Allen, Director of Culture, Communities and Communications, who will provide a council perspective of the partnership. The Executive report, 'Strengthening the relationship with the VCS' was approved on 21 March 2017, which set out a number of promises and recommendations to improve the partnership working. The recommendations will be reviewed and further discussion will take place in relation to social regeneration.

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

The Panel met on 5 December 2018 and continued its scrutiny review into air pollution. The Head of Planning provided information on how planning can take into consideration the potential impact of new development on air quality. One of the Senior Area Care Managers, also attended the meeting to talk about using tree planting to absorb pollutants.

At the next meeting on 9 January 2019, the Panel will receive a presentation from Northern Gas Networks about a project to convert natural gas to hydrogen, in order to reduce carbon emissions, and will also hear from the Tees Valley Combined Authority about a major scheme to bring hydrogen road vehicles to the region.

## **Health Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel met on 19 December 2018 to receive an update from South Tees NHS Foundation Trust in respect of the current financial position, overall performance / areas for improvement, healthcare associated infections (HCAI) and car parking issues. An update on the Integrated Care System and Integrated Care Partnership for the south of the region was also provided. The panel heard that in terms of performance against key NHS targets in 2018/19 the Trust had so far achieved 95.65%

compliance against a target of 95% for patients seen within 4 hours at A&E; 89.23% compliance against a target of 92% for GP referral to treat times; 80.92% compliance for 62 day cancer treatment against a target of 85% and 31 cases of Trust apportioned Clostridium difficile. In terms of financial performance the Trust was £2.2m behind plan at the end of November 2018.

The Council's Principal Solicitor was also in attendance and advised that the CCG had a duty to inform the scrutiny panel as to when a decision was to be taken in respect of significant changes to service provision i.e. the relocation of breast symptomatic radiology services from JCUH to University Hospital of North Tees. The CCG also had a duty to advise as to whether a public consultation was to be undertaken and when that consultation would take place.

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

Further to the Committee's meeting on 2 October an update was received from HaST, DDES, North Durham, South Tees and Darlington CCG's. The Committee was advised that following the release of the tender for the Age Related Hearing Loss Service across Darlington, Durham and Tees the procurement process would be discontinued at this stage. The process would recommence early in the New Year to enable further engagement with the market with a view to receiving a range of high quality bids. It was anticipated that a new service model would be in place by September 2019.

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

The Committee is scheduled to meet on Friday 18 January at Redcar and Cleveland Leisure & Community Heart.

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

The Committee met on 6 December 2018 and considered the following:

- Announcements from the Chief Executive
- Portfolio Update: Business, Growth and Investment
- Budget Sub Committee – Update on Preliminary Budget 2019/20 Consultation Briefing
- Scrutiny Study Update: Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority
- Forward Plan

The Committee held a private Special meeting on 20 December 2018. The next Ordinary Committee meeting was due to take place on 17th January 2019 at 2.00pm – 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:

- Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel - Council Tax Collection

### **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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