MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL



AGENDA ITEM 9

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
Date	15 March 2019
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 5 February 2019 and considered the following:-

- a) Final Report of the Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel School Holiday Provision
- b) Executive Update
- c) Executive Forward Work Programme
- d) 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.

Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 11 February 2019 and received further information from representatives of Ageing Better Middlesbrough and Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA), in respect of the 'Social Care Support for Older Carers' investigation. The Chief Executive of MVDA also delivered a presentation to update Members on the Community Connect Service.

The Panel received updates regarding the integration of Health and Social Care, and the matters that had been considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 8 January 2019 and 15 January 2019.

Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel

The Panel has not met since the last Council meeting.

Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 18 February 2019 to receive further evidence in respect of its current review – Mental Health in Schools. Evidence was submitted on Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS), the HeadStart Programme, the Reach Partnership, the 0-19 Healthier Together Service and Middlesbrough Psychology Service.

The Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled to take place on 18 March 2019. A number of Heads and Deputy Heads have been invited to the meeting to participate in a round-table discussion around the themes of identifying and assessing mental health needs, raising awareness of mental health and providing in-school universal and targeted support.

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

The Scrutiny Panel met on 15 January 2019. Further information in relation to its current scrutiny topic of Early Help and Prevention Services was provided by the Senior Strategic Development Officer from Middlesbrough Voluntary Development Agency (MVDA) from a VCS perspective.

The Scrutiny Panel met again on 12 February 2019 and received a verbal update from the Director of Children's Care in relation to the new joint arrangements for the First Contact Service – the South Tees Multi Agency Children's Hub (STMACH).

The Panel was also attended by the Independent Chair of the Middlesbrough Safeguarding Children's Board (MSCB) and the MSCB Business Manager, who provided the Panel with an overview of the Board's role and functions and information in relation to the MSCB's Annual Report 2017/18. Reference was also made to imminent new joint arrangements for the MSCB arising from the Wood Review.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel has not met since the last report to Council.

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 6 February 2019 and received a presentation on the City Centre Strategy. The Head of Economic Growth and the Town Centre Manager set out the rationale for the work the Council had undertaken to date and some of the key things that would be actioned to take the Strategy forward. The Panel also finalised and approved the Final Report on its recent scrutiny review on Air Pollution.

The Panel also met on 6 March 2019 and considered three items: the annual Flood Risk Management Update, feedback regarding air quality and recent modelling results in relation to NO₂ emissions and an update in relation to Phase 2 of Middlesbrough's LED Replacement Programme.

Health Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 5 February 2019 and received further information on its current review topic of vulnerable and fragile services. Members of the panel had attended the 'Join our Journey; Shaping Health and Social Care' hosted by Professor Gray, Medical Director NHS England (North East and Cumbria) at the Riverside Stadium on 30 January alongside a wide range of participants from the NHS, Local Authorities and the Voluntary Sector to review the high level Health and Care Strategy for the Cumbria and North East Integrated Care System (ICS).

An update was also provided by the Director of Strategic Planning and Performance at South Tees CCG in respect of urgent care. The Panel was advised that the introduction of the Extended Hours and Out of Hours provision had stemmed the increase in A&E attendances that would have been seen had the new model of urgent care provision not been introduced.

The Panel also met on 5 March 2019 and considered a number of issues including:-NHS preparations for a No Deal Brexit, an update from Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust, information from the Head of Planning in respect of Health and Planning Policy, as well as a discussion on the future of breast radiology diagnostic services in South Tees.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

The Committee met on 11 March 2019 and considered the following:

- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust Quality Account
- Task and Finish Group Roseberry Park
- Clinical Commissioning Group Updates
- Committee Work Programme

South Tees Health Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 18 January at Redcar and Cleveland Leisure & Community Heart.

The Committee met on 15 March 2019 and considered the following:

- Director of Public Health Annual Report
- Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board
- Breast Diagnostic Services in South Tees
- Work Programme Update

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met in private on 20 December 2018 and considered the following:

Durham Tees Valley Airport

The Committee met again on 16 January 2019 and considered the following:

- Chief Executive's Update
- Durham Tees Valley Airport
- Budget Sub-Committee: Approval of draft report on budget 2019/20
- Forward Plan

The Committee met again on 1 March 2019 and considered the following:

- Chief Executive's Update
- Portfolio Update: Education, Employment and Skills Cllr Christopher Akers-Belcher
- Adult Education Budget
- Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority
- Forward Plan

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

Since the last update to Council, no Scrutiny Panel reports have been submitted to Executive.

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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