

**COUNCIL**

<b>Report title</b>	Scrutiny Progress Report
<b>Chief Executive or Director</b>	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
<b>Date</b>	24 July 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 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 Panel met on 1 July 2019 and appointed Councillor Platt as Chair of the Panel, and Councillor Smith as Vice Chair.

Erik Scollay, Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration, attended the meeting and provided an overview of his service area and the key priorities and challenges for the coming year.

### **Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel has not met since the last Council meeting.

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

The Panel met on 20 June 2019 and appointed Councillor Platt as Chair and Councillor P Storey as Vice Chair.

At the meeting, the Council's Director of Education was in attendance to provide the scrutiny panel with:

- Information on the considerable changes in national education policy and school organisation over recent years.
- An overview of the main service areas within its remit and an outline of priorities, key issues and challenges for the year ahead.

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

The Scrutiny Panel met on 24 June 2019. Councillor Garvey was appointed as Chair and Councillor Coupe was appointed Vice Chair of the Panel.

H Watston, Executive Director of Children's Services; A Brown, Director of Children's Care and R Brown, Director of Prevention and Partnerships, were in attendance at the meeting to provide Members with an overview of the services provided by Children's Services – relevant to the Panel's remit – and highlighted key issues/priorities for the year ahead.

### **Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel met on 25 June 2019 and appointed Councillor McIntyre as Chair of the Panel, and Councillor Smith as Vice Chair. Adam Allen, Director for Culture,

Communities and Communications attended the meeting and provided an overview of their service areas and the key priorities and challenges for those services for the coming year.

The Panel agreed for the final report on Adult Community Learning – Employability to be circulated and submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 16 July 2019.

The next meeting of the Panel will take place on 25 July 2019 where the Panel will consider the work programme for 2019/20.

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

The Panel met on 19 June 2019 and appointed Councillor Saunders as Chair of the Panel, and Councillor Hubbard as Vice Chair. Kevin Parkes, Executive Director for Growth and Place, Geoff Field, Director of Environment and Commercial Services and Richard Horniman, Director of Regeneration attended the meeting and provided an overview of their service areas and the key priorities and challenges for those services for the coming year.

### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

The Panel met on 11 June 2019 and appointed Councillor McTigue as Chair of the Panel, and Councillor Coupe as Vice Chair.

Edward Kunonga, Director of Public Health South Tees and Erik Scollay, Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration attended the meeting to provide an overview of current/future service priorities and suggestions as to where scrutiny could have an impact, add value or contribute to policy development/review.

The Panel met on 9 July 2019 to receive an update from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust in respect of the action taken by the CQC to protect the safety and welfare of residents at West Lane.

At that meeting a formal response had also been provided by STCCG in respect of the panel's decision to refer Breast Radiology Diagnostic Services in South Tees to the Secretary of State for Health. STCCG representatives were in attendance to discuss their plans and timescales to undertake a formal consultation with the panel. However, the panel was disappointed to learn that although a timescale had been provided for the commencement of public engagement on this issue. No timescale could at this time be provided in respect of a formal consultation.

An update on regional health issues as raised at the DDTHRW STP Joint Committee meeting, as held in Durham on 12 June 2019 was provided. Members discussed and agreed suggestions for the health scrutiny work programme and these will be put forward to OSB for approval on 3 September 2019.

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

The Committee met on 17 June 2019 and considered the following:

- Appointment of Chair - Cllr Hall (Hartlepool Borough Council) / Appointment of Vice Chair Cllr Cooney (Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council)

- Protocol for the Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee
- Work Programme / Meeting Timetable 2019/20

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

The Committee met on 12 July 2019 at Middlesbrough Town Hall and considered the following

- Appointment of Chair - Cllr Hellaoui / Appointment of Vice Chair - Cllr Rooney (Middlesbrough Borough Council) / Cllr Westbury (Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council)
- Review of South Tees Joint Health Scrutiny Protocol
- South Tees NHS Foundation Trust - Update
- CCG Merger Proposal
- Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board
- Work Programme 2019/20

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

The Committee met on 25 April 2019 and considered the following:

- Chief Executive's Update
- Portfolio Update: Local Enterprise Partnerships – Paul Booth
- Portfolio Update: Education, Employment and Skills – Cllr Christopher Akers-Belcher
- Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority – Draft report for approval
- Finance & Resources Sub Committee – Investment Plan draft report
- Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report – Draft report for approval
- Forward Plan

The Committee met on 12 July 2019 and considered the following:

- Election of Chair and Vice Chair
- Welcome to Tees Valley Combined Authority
- Assurance Framework Overview
- Diversity and the Tees Valley Combined Authority – Draft report for approval
- Meetings and Forward Plan for Civic Year 2019/2020

### **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, the following urgent decisions have been made:

Individual Executive Member – The Mayor – 29 April 2019 - In respect of MHome (Middlesbrough) Limited Written Resolutions and Shareholders Agreement

**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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