

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
Date	4 September 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 16 July 2019 and appointed Councillor Janet Thompson as Chair and Councillor Matthew Storey as Vice Chair. The Board considered the following:-

1. Final Report – Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel – Mental Health in Schools.
2. Final Report – Children and Young People's Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel – Early Help and Prevention Services.
3. Final Report – Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel – Working relationships with the Voluntary and Community Sector.
4. Final Report - Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel- Middlesbrough Community Learning: Employability.
5. Executive Forward Work Programme

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 30 July 2019 and agreed the following topics for inclusion in its work programme for 2019/2020:

- A draft final report in respect of the current review ('Social Care Support for Older Carers') will be presented to the Panel on 16 September 2019;
- 'Physical Activity for Older People (aged 65+)';
- 'Palliative and End of Life Care'; and
- 'Access to Wheelchair Services'.

The Panel also agreed the proposed meeting schedule for the remainder of the Municipal 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 29 July 2019. In respect of the Panel's 2017 review of Pupil Exclusions in Middlesbrough, Members considered an update from the Director of Education on the progress made with the implementation of the agreed recommendations/actions.

On 29 July, the Panel also agreed the following topics for inclusion in its work programme for 2019/20:

In-depth reviews

- Addressing poverty issues and the impact on learning
- Parental engagement

Short review

- Education of immigrant children

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

The Panel met on 22 July 2019 to consider setting the Panel's Work Programme for 2019/20.

The Panel subsequently selected the following topics for inclusion in the Panel's Work Programme which would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval:-

1. Managing Demand in Children's Social Care Services (to include Development of Edge of Care Provision and Care Home provision).
2. Support for Care Leavers.
3. Youth Services – task and finish group.
4. Update on New Arrangements for Local Safeguarding Children's Boards.
5. Update on South Tees Multi-Agency Children's Hub.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 25 July 2019, the Panel agreed the following topics for inclusion in its work programme for 2019/20:

In-depth reviews:

- Financial inclusion- Foodbanks, and
- Community Integration

Updates:

- Selective Landlord Licensing (following on from the panel's review in 2017/18)
- Domestic Abuse
- Homelessness

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 17 July 2019 to discuss items for the Work Programme for 2019-2020. The Director of Environment and Commercial Services and the Director of Regeneration were in attendance at the meeting and provided additional information as requested by Panel Members. The Panel agreed three reviews in relation to: Infrastructure Delivery, Recycling and Waste Management/Waste Disposal Facility and Teesside Crematorium as well as several updates on previous topics. Following the meeting, details of the items were forwarded to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval. The next meeting will take place on 4 September 2019.

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 19 July 2019 and considered the following:

- Constitution Amendments – Call-In – the meeting was inquorate and as a consequence the Call-In failed.

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 this report.

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. The authority is required to report all urgent decisions to Council, in line with the requirements of the Constitution.

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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