

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
Date	9 October 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 September 2019 and considered the following:-

- a) Executive Member update – Executive Member for Finance and Governance accompanied by the Strategic Director for Finance.
- b) Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20
- c) Executive Forward Work Programme
- d) Role of Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel
- e) Scrutiny Panel Progress Report

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD – CALL IN

Since the last Council update, the Overview and Scrutiny Board met on the 16 September to consider the Call In of the Executive's decision of 27 August 2019 regarding the Long Term Lease of the Gresham Site to Thirteen Group.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board decided to refer the decision back to the Executive for further consideration and provided the following recommendations:

- a) That formal consultation be undertaken and evidenced with both Teesside University and MHome.
- b) That information contained within relevant policies, such as the Gresham Master Plan and Local Housing Plan, be used and evidenced in the decision.
- c) That a tendering process for prospective developers be demonstrated.

The Executive met on the 16 September 2019 to consider the Call In referral and the recommendations submitted by OSB. The Executive decided not to implement any of the recommendations and that the decision made by Executive on the 27 August 2019 should be implemented as was.

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 16 September 2019 to consider the draft final report in respect of its 'Social Care Support for Older Carers' investigation. Members agreed a number of recommendations, which would be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 3 October 2019 for consideration.

E Scollay, Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration, and R Bedford, Health and Physical Activity Development Manager, attended the meeting to provide the Panel with an introduction to its new scrutiny topic – 'Physical Activity for Older People (aged 65+)'.

Members also received an update in respect of the Integration of Health and Social Care.

The Panel's next meeting has been scheduled to take place on 16 October 2019.

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 23 September 2019 to receive an introduction in respect its new topic 'Addressing Poverty Issues and the Impact on Learning'.

The Council's Consultant in Public Health, Advanced Public Health Practitioner and Head of Achievement and Inclusion provided an overview of poverty and its impact on learning, including:

- Information on child poverty, poverty estimates for the local area and the uptake of Free School Meals.
- An overview of the impact of child poverty on education.
- An outline of the work being undertaken to tackle poverty and its impact on learning.

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

The Scrutiny Panel last met on 9 September 2019. A Brown, Director of Children's Care and I Wright, Director of Business, Performance and Change, attended the meeting to provide Members with an introduction to its new scrutiny topic – 'Managing Demand in Children's Social Care Services'.

The presentation included information on the statutory responsibilities of Children's Social Care; context and demand locally and nationally and Middlesbrough's priorities for the coming year.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 12 September 2019 and received a presentation from Soroush Sadeghzadeh, Project Manager, Middlesbrough Food Banks, in relation to Food Banks in Middlesbrough.

The Panel had agreed to look at Food Banks as part of their work programme. The presentation was extremely informative and the Panel felt the information received was sufficient to formulate a short report with recommendations to Executive.

It was agreed that Panel members would visit the Food Bank depot to understand how the food bank operates and speak with volunteers. A site visit would be undertaken in due course.

At the next meeting on 24 October 2019, the Panel will move to consider their second topic on Community Integration and will receive a presentation from Shahda Khan, Strategic Cohesion and Migration Manager and how Middlesbrough promotes Cohesion in the Town.

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 4 September 2019. Richard Horniman, Director of Regeneration, Paul Clarke, Head of Planning and David Carter, Head of Transport and Infrastructure attended the meeting and provided information in relation to the Panel's new scrutiny topic of Infrastructure Delivery. The information provided focussed on housing delivery

and the Local Plan and transport infrastructure and the Tees Valley Combined Authority's Strategic Transport Plan and associated documents.

At the next meeting, scheduled for 2 October 2019, the Panel will be continuing its review, looking at broadband infrastructure. The Panel will also receive updates in relation to Centre Square and the Snow Centre from the Head of Development.

Health Scrutiny Panel

The Panel last met on 10 September 2019, E Mireku, Public Health Consultant, Dr J Walker, Chair of ST CCG and a number of representatives from Ehlers-Danlos Teesside attended the meeting to provide Members with an introduction to its new scrutiny topic – Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome / Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder: Co-ordinating Care in South Tees.

The presentation included personal impact statements from those affected by the condition and a series of suggestions in respect of areas for improvement. The personal impact statements made by those in attendance were particularly powerful. STCCG has agreed to liaise with Ehlers-Danlos Teesside and ST NHS FT directly to progress the issues raised and an update on progress will be provided in April 2020.

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Operations Teesside at Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust were also in attendance to provide an update in respect of the further tragedy at West Lane Hospital. On 23 August 2019 the CQC had taken the decision to close the three children and young people inpatient wards at West Lane Hospital.

Finally representatives were in attendance from NT NHS FT and ST CCG to provide an update in respect of Breast Radiology Diagnostic Services in South Tees. A pre-engagement exercise would be undertaken between 1st October and 31st December 2019 in respect of developing alternative delivery models. Regular updates to the health scrutiny panel would continue to be provided.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

The Committee met on 2 September 2019 and considered the following:-

- Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – CQC Inspection Report Update
- Teesside Rehabilitation Services Developments - TEWV
- Care Quality Commission Inspection Results – West Lane Hospital
- Presentation - Respite and Short Breaks Update/Monitoring
- Recommissioning of Improving Access to Psychological Therapies (IAPT) Services – Contract Award
- Update - Direct Access to Hearing Services – Contract Award
- Local and Regional Health Scrutiny Work Programmes

South Tees Health Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 13 September 2019 at Middlesbrough Town Hall and considered the following:-

- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust - Update

- Community model and emerging priorities – Primary Care Networks
- Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) - Update
- Advancing our health: prevention in the 2020's - consultation document
- Regional Health Scrutiny - Update

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the above was arranged for Friday 19th July 2019 at 10.30am, however the meeting was inquorate. The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for 17 October 2019.

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 taken.

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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