

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Strategic Director of Finance, Governance and Support
Date	23 December 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 14 November 2019 and considered the following:-

a) Call In Referral – Executive response

A report was presented that detailed the Executive's response to OSB's referral of the decision regarding the Long Term Lease of the Gresham Housing site.

b) Children's Services Updates

This item was deferred until the January meeting of OSB owing to Purdah.

c) Final Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel – Vulnerable and Fragile Services.

The Vice Chair of Middlesbrough's Health Scrutiny Panel presented the final report, its conclusions and recommendations. The report was approved by OSB.

d) Executive Forward Work Programme

OSB Were made aware of the Executive Forward Work Programme.

e) Scrutiny Panel Progress Report

Each Scrutiny Panel Chair provided an overview of recent activities within their Panel's remit.

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 October 2019 and continued its current review of 'Physical Activity for Older People (aged 65+)'. Representatives of You've Got This (Sport England - South Tees Local Delivery Pilot) were in attendance to provide information regarding the project.

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

The Panel met on 13 November 2019 and continued its current review of 'Physical Activity for Older People (aged 65+)'. The Council's Head of Strategic Procurement and Commissioning and the Chief Executive of Age UK Teesside were in attendance to provide information regarding relevant work activities.

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

Following the conclusion of business, Members were given a tour of The Live Well Centre and provided with details of the services and facilities offered.

The Panel's next meeting has been scheduled to take place on 18 December 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 21 October 2019 to receive further evidence in respect its topic 'Addressing Poverty Issues and the Impact on Learning'.

The Chair of the Financial Inclusion Group (FIG) provided the scrutiny panel with:

- an overview of the FIG's aims, objectives, priorities and challenges; and
- details of the work undertaken by the group to tackle the root causes of poverty.

Evidence was also submitted by the Member Engagement Manager (Northern Housing Consortium), which included:

- information on the North East Child Poverty Network; and
- examples of good practice to tackle the root causes of poverty and mitigate the effects of disadvantage on children, families and local communities.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 16 December 2019. At the meeting, the Panel will receive evidence submitted by the Manager of Middlesbrough Achievement Partnership (MAP) and the National Lead for Poverty Proofing.

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

The Scrutiny Panel last met on 7 October 2019. A Brown, Director of Children's Care and I Wright, Director of Business, Performance and Change, attended the meeting and provided Members with a detailed presentation in relation to the 'No Wrong Door' Trailblazer with North Yorkshire Council.

The meeting scheduled for 4 November 2019 was cancelled due to the unavailability of key officers. The next meeting is scheduled for 16 December 2019.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 24 October 2019, and received an initial presentation from Shahda Khan, Strategic Cohesion and Migration Manager on Community Cohesion and integration. The presentation discussed Middlesbrough's Approach to Resettlement of Refugees and Migrants and provided information on the excellent work undertaken by the Stronger Communities Middlesbrough Team.

Following the meeting, terms of reference were drafted and these were approved at the meeting on 21 November 2019. The Panel will now continue with their review and receive further evidence at the December meeting.

The Panel also met on the 21 November 2019 and received an update on reducing homelessness in Middlesbrough.

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 6 November 2019 and continued its current review of Infrastructure Delivery. Further information was presented and discussed in relation to Broadband provision in Middlesbrough. In order to conclude the review, the Panel agreed to source some further information from rail operators. A draft Final Report is now being prepared.

The Director of Environment and Commercial Services (Geoff Field) and the Operations Manager Recycling and Education (Philip Shaw) attended the meeting and presented an overview of Recycling and Waste Management, which is the Panel's next topic for review.

Due to the Parliamentary Election on 12 November 2019, Panel Members agreed to cancel the December meeting and hold a longer meeting on 8 January 2020.

Health Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 16 October 2019 and received a setting the scene presentation on the topic of opioid dependency. The Director of Public Health (South Tees) and the Tees Preventing Deaths and Drug Co-ordinator were in attendance to provide information in respect of this topic.

Members also received an update in respect of EU exit preparations.

The Panel met on 29 November 2019 and received information in respect of the CQC's State of Care report 2018/19 and considered its final report on Vulnerable and Fragile Health Services.

The Director of Nursing and Quality for the Tees Valley and Durham CCG's was also in attendance to provide further information in respect of EU exit preparations.

The Panel met on 19 November 2019 and considered the Teesside Autism Strategy. The Charity Manager at MAIN, the Council's CAMHS & ASD Commissioning Officer and Redcar and Cleveland Council's Commissioning Lead (Disabilities) were in attendance to present the strategy and discuss future challenges / areas for service improvement.

The Panel's next meeting has been scheduled to take place on 18 December 2019.

South Tees Health Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 29 November 2019 at Middlesbrough Town Hall and considered the following:-

- South Tees Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust – Update on Critical Care services
- Breast Radiology Diagnostic Services - Update
- Live Well South Tees Health and Wellbeing Board (HWBB) - Update
- Regional Health Scrutiny - Update

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Committee met on 17 October 2019 and considered the following:-

- Election of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Chief Executive's Update
- Strategic Transport Plan
- Delegated Decisions
- Meetings and Forward Plan for Civic Year 2019/2020

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

Since the last update to Council, the following Scrutiny Panel reports have been submitted to Executive:-

- Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Middlesbrough Community Learning - Employability
- Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Working Relationships with the Voluntary and Community Sector
- Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel - Social Care Support for Older Carers

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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