

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

A meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board was held on 12 September 2017.

PRESENT: Councillors T Mawston (Vice-Chair - in the Chair), E Dryden, L Lewis, J McGee, M Storey and J Young

OFFICERS: B Carr

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Councillor J Blyth, Councillor T Higgins, Councillor L McGloin, Councillor P Purvis, Councillor D Rooney, Councillor J Sharrocks, Councillor M Walters.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

None Declared.

17/10 MINUTES - OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD - 13 JUNE 2017

The minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Board held on 13 June 2017 (as circulated at the meeting), were submitted and approved as a correct record.

The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel advised that in April, STAR (South Tees Access Response) service was launched and offered appointments from four surgeries across the South Tees area - replacing walk-in centres in North Ormesby and Eston. However, a report was due to be published by the CQC in respect of this service which had been placed into special measures after CQC inspectors made unannounced visits to the surgeries following concerns regarding safety that had been raised.

The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel advised that this issue had been placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee as it affected residents of Middlesbrough and Redcar.

The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel also highlighted that there was currently a consultation underway with regard to Respite Services for People with Learning Disabilities and the response to the consultation would be considered by the Health Scrutiny Panel.

17/11 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

A report was submitted which informed Members of the Work Programmes proposed by each of the Scrutiny Panels for 2017/2018.

ORDERED that the range of topics identified by individual Scrutiny Panels for inclusion in their 2017/2018 Work Programmes be approved.

17/12 EXECUTIVE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

The Chief Executive submitted a report which identified the forthcoming issues to be considered by the Executive as outlined in Appendix A to the report.

The report provided the Overview and Scrutiny Board with the opportunity to consider whether any item contained within the Executive Forward Work Programme should be considered by the Board or referred to a Scrutiny Panel.

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17/13 SCRUTINY PANEL PROGRESS REPORTS

The Chair of the Economic Development and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel advised that at the first meeting of the Panel, members had agreed the Panel's Scrutiny Work Programme for the year.

The Panel's first topic would be to examine the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan, including bus franchising. The Head of Transport for the Tees Valley Combined Authority would be in attendance at the next meeting to provide an overview of the Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan. The Planning and Delivery Manager for Middlesbrough Council would also be present to provide information in relation to bus franchising from a Middlesbrough perspective.

The Tees Valley Strategic Transport Plan would provide Middlesbrough with more power to influence transport and the opportunity for joint working with bus companies.

The Chair of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel advised that at the first meeting of the Panel, members had agreed the Panel's Scrutiny Work Programme for the year.

The Director for Culture and Communities and the Advanced Public Health Practitioner, Improving Public Health were in attendance at the first meeting to provide an overview of the main services within the panel's remit and an outline of priorities, key issues and challenges for the year ahead.

At the second meeting of the Panel, members had discussed the Culture Strategy including the UK City of Culture Bid (2020 for 2025) and the lessons learned from Hull's bid.

The Director of Culture and Communities, Head of Stronger Communities and the Selective Licensing Coordinator had also provided members with an overview of the Panel's first topic of Selective Landlord Licensing. The Panel were due to visit North Ormesby hub and carry out a walk about in the area together with the Executive Member for Economic Development and Infrastructure (also the Ward Councillor for North Ormesby) and the Tenancy Relations Officer and the Neighbourhood Enforcement Officer.

The Chair of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel advised that at the first meeting of the Panel, members had agreed the Panel's Scrutiny Work Programme for the year.

The Panel were concerned with regard to the recent negative report in relation to the Belle Vue Care Home. The Panel had established a Task and Finish Group to discuss the issues contained within the report and they had arranged a visit to the home for 15 September 2017. The Chair advised that the Task and Finish Group would report their findings back to the full Panel. The next meeting of the Panel was scheduled for 20 September 2017.

The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel advised that the Final Report on Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) had been scheduled to be considered by the Executive on 5 September 2017. However, due to the large number of items on the agenda and the fact that the meeting was adjourned for a time due to a fire alarm test, the item was subsequently deferred and was due to be considered by the Executive at the October meeting.

At the Health Scrutiny Panel meeting held on 25 July 2017 the panel received a setting the scene presentation on the topic of the Durham, Darlington, Teesside, Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby (DDTHRW) Sustainable Transformation Partnership (STP).

The Chief Executive, Director of Public Health, Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration and Chief Officer at South Tees CCG were in attendance to discuss the work taking place locally, the challenges / opportunities the STP presents for Middlesbrough and the resources for delivery.

The Health Scrutiny Panel were due to consider Breast Radiology and the Strategic Transformation Plan at the next meeting scheduled for 26 September 2017.

The Chair of the Health Scrutiny Panel advised that there were currently major issues with the Friarage Hospital and Middlesbrough and Redcar residents received services from this hospital.

The issue of beggars in the town centre was raised by members of the Board. Members

requested that the Head of Stronger Communities be contacted to ascertain if the beggars situated in the town centre had received any referrals to other Council services or whether the beggars were in the Council system.

Members also requested any information gathered by other Council Services that the beggars may have been directed to. The Board also wanted to know if there was a correlation regarding their circumstances and the lack of support/benefits and if there were advocates available to support these people. Also the Board was interested to know if any of the beggars had lost their benefits/accommodation and what assistance was available to support the beggars through this situation.

The members of the Board requested that their best wishes for a speedy recovery be conveyed to the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, following her recent illness.