

<b>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD</b>
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**4 DECEMBER 2018**

**FEEDBACK FROM EXECUTIVE – 20 NOVEMBER 2018**

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

1. To receive the decisions of the Executive on Scrutiny Final reports and updates on other Executive matters.

**BACKGROUND**

2. The Board will be aware that as part of the scrutiny processes, the Executive at its meeting on 20 November 2018 considered the findings of the following Scrutiny Panel Reports:
  - Economic Development, Environment & Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel: Housing Delivery Vehicles.
3. In addition to the Panel's final report, the Executive also considered the Executive report and Service Response, which have been attached as Appendix A and B respectively.
4. Councillor Matthew Storey, Chair of the Economic Development, Environment & Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel presented the final report
5. The Executive supported the service response in respect of the report.
6. Other matters considered by Executive included:

Cultural Strategy	The Executive Member for Culture and Communities and the Director of Growth and Place sought, and received, approval for the Council's Cultural Strategy 2018-2021. It was explained that the Council did not have currently have such a strategy. Implementing the strategy would enable the Council to submit a credible bid for City of Culture 2025 and would be embedded on the Social and Physical Regeneration Agenda.
Strategic plan update, medium term financial plan, budget proposals 2019/20 and investment strategy review.	The Executive Member for Finance and Governance and the Strategic Director for Finance, Governance and Support submitted a report that provided an update on progress against the Strategic Plan, the Medium Term Financial Plan, Proposed savings for 2019/20 and proposed changes to the Investment Strategy.

	<p>Following OSB's input during the meeting of 13 November, several proposals had been re-worded as follows:</p> <p><i>Appendix 1 - proposal ASC 01 - To be reworded to offer clearer definition of approach. The revised wording for the proposal was as follows: 'Reduction in budget for asylum seekers with additional health needs, due to historical over provision in budget.'</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 1 - proposal ASC 10 - Clearer explanation of proposal was required. The revised wording for the proposal was as follows: 'More efficient delivery of Independent Support living services, removing duplication of provision, reducing expenditure by 10%.'</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 2 - proposal ECS 11 - Revised wording for the proposal was as follows: 'Adjustment of Green Waste collection cycle, equating to two less collections per year, comprising of two options a) Cease Green Waste collections in October, as opposed to November currently, or b) Monthly Green Waste collections in the months of October and November.'</i></p> <p><i>Appendix 2 - proposal PHPP 01 - Now split into five; revised wording for the proposal was as follows: 'Reduce spend through transformation of the drug and alcohol service provision in the following areas: a) Removal of prevention and early intervention spend (development of new schemes, capital expenditure and service improvements), working in partnership with providers to identify alternative ways of achieving service improvements; b) Reduction of drugs and dispensing costs for the services based on actual data over recent years; c) Partnership working with the NHS, Police and other agencies to seek alternative ways of funding elements of the drugs and alcohol programme where impact is shared across agencies'; d) Restructure of Middlesbrough Recovering Together services in line with contracts, working across agencies to develop integrated service delivery models, providing client support for both substance misuse and social needs'; e) Termination of the contribution to the regional Balance Alcohol office and developing a local offer for taking forward the prevention and tackling alcohol related harm agenda'. The revised wording for the impact of the proposal was as follows: 'Reduced capacity for new initiatives in the area of prevention and early intervention'.</i></p> <p>The report was noted and agreed.</p>
<p>Ofsted focused visit inspection 7th and 8th august 2018</p>	<p>The Lead Executive Member for Children's Services and the Executive Director of Children Services submitted a report, regarding a focused visit inspection of Children's Social Care by Ofsted in August 2018 through the new ILAC (Inspections of Local Authority</p>

	<p>Children's Services) framework, and the Council's proposed action plan to respond to Ofsted's findings and recommendations.</p> <p>Following the inspections, an action plan for Children's Service's (including wider corporate input) had been developed to address areas for improvement. Improvements included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• A Strategic Partnership Board chaired by the Chief Executive to hold partner agencies to account regarding child protection issues had been established, and two meetings had been attended by senior leaders;</li><li>• Agreement from partner agencies for the South Tees Front Door (Multi Agency Children's Hub) to go live in April 2019;</li><li>• Reintroduction of daily multi-agency decision making meetings and the introduction of Signs of Safety meetings with Early Help services at the Front Door to strengthen information sharing and a consistent application of thresholds for services;</li></ul>
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## **RECOMMENDATION**

9. That the decisions of the Executive be noted.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

10. Minutes of the Executive held on 20 November 2018.

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