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| <b>Report of:</b>          | The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Director of Legal and Governance Services |
| <b>Submitted to:</b>       | Council  |
| <b>Date:</b>               | 30 November 2022   |
| <b>Title:</b>              | Scrutiny Progress Report   |
| <b>Report for:</b>         | Information  |
| <b>Status:</b>             | Public   |
| <b>Strategic priority:</b> | All  |
| <b>Key decision:</b>       | No   |
| <b>Why:</b>                | Not applicable   |
| <b>Urgent:</b>             | No   |
| <b>Why:</b>                | Not applicable   |

**Executive summary**

To update the position in respect of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board and scrutiny panels. The current position regarding progress made by the Board and each of the panels is set out below.

**Purpose**

1. To update the position in respect of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Board and scrutiny panels.

**Background and relevant information****OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD**

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 21 September 2022

At that meeting the Board considered / received information in respect of the following:

- Scrutiny Chairs Updates.

3. The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 11 October 2022.

At that meeting the Board considered / received information in respect of the following:

- Executive Forward Work Programme
- Executive Member Update (Adult Social Care, Public Health, Public Protection and Digital Inclusion)
- Scrutiny Chairs Updates.

4. The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 16 November 2022.

At that meeting the Board considered / received information in respect of the following:

- Executive Forward Work Programme;
- Chief Executive's Update;
- Executive Member Update (Finance and Governance)
- The Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel - Final Report - The Role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Supporting Adult Social Care (With a Focus on Covid-19 and Recovery);
- Scrutiny Chairs Updates.

### **SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES**

5. 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**

6. The Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel held meetings on 7 September 2022, 5 October 2022 and 2 November 2022. Over the course of the three meetings, the panel:

- Continued and completed its investigation in respect of 'The Role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in Supporting Adult Social Care (With a Focus on COVID-19 and Recovery)' (final report to be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board in November);
- Received updates from the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration in respect of ongoing integration work and the progress being made; and
- Received information from the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration, and the Head of Strategic Commissioning and Procurement, regarding 'The Impact of the Energy and Cost of Living Crises on Caring for Vulnerable Adults' (further periodic updates to follow in due course).

7. The next meeting of the panel is scheduled for 30 November 2022. At this meeting, Members will receive an update from the Independent Chair of the Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB) regarding the Annual Report 2021/22 and the Strategic Plan 2022-25. In addition, the panel will receive an update regarding the impact of the cost of living crisis and the action taken by Adult Social Care to date, together with an update regarding the Integration of Health and Social Care. Both updates will be provided by the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration.

#### **Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel**

8. The Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel last met on 10 October 2022.
9. In respect of the scrutiny panel's 2021 review of Behaviour, Discipline and Bullying in Schools, the Council's Strategic Lead for Inclusion and Specialist Support Services and Head of Inclusion, Assessment and Review were in attendance to provide:
  - an update on the progress made with the implementation of the agreed recommendations/actions; and
  - information and data demonstrating the impact of the 0-25 Inclusion and Outreach Model.
10. The information received demonstrated that there was emerging data, case study and impact evidence to suggest that the Inclusion and Outreach Model was having a positive impact for children, families and schools.
11. At the meeting, the scrutiny panel also considered and agreed the Terms of Reference for its review of Youth Offending and Partnership Working with Schools.
12. The Scrutiny Panel's next meeting is scheduled to take place on 21 November 2022. At this meeting, Members will receive a comprehensive report on school exclusions.

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

13. The Panel met on 27 September 2022 and received further information in relation to its scrutiny topic – Supporting Young People in the Transition to Adulthood. The Head of Looked After Children and Corporate Parenting was in attendance to provide detailed information specifically in relation to Care Leavers and the Pathways (Leaving Care) Service and the role it plays in supporting young people to independence.
14. The Panel next met on 24 October 2022 and was provided with an update in relation to the South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership's (STSCP) Annual Report for 2021/22. The Partnership Manager provided an overview of the local partnership arrangements for safeguarding children, the work undertaken by the Partnership and key areas of significance within the Annual Report, including the Partnership's priorities.
15. The Panel last met on 14 November 2022 when further information was provided by the Head of Children with Disabilities and the Head of Inclusion, Assessment and Review, in relation to the support provided specifically to Children with Disabilities in the transition to adulthood.
16. The Panel's next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 20 December 2022.

### **Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel**

17. The Culture and Communities Panel met on Thursday 20 October 2022 and received information from Dale Metcalfe, Operational Community Safety Manager on the Council's strategies and power to help combat Offroad bikes. The Panel learnt about Operation Endurance, a multi-agency approach with Cleveland Police which operates throughout Cleveland.
18. The Panel, further discussed the work programme and it was agreed that they would consider the Museum service. A detailed plan for the topic would be brought forward to the next meeting.
19. The date of the next meeting of the panel is 17 November 2022.

### **Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel**

18. The Panel's latest meeting was held on Wednesday 12 October 2022. The Panel discussed the topic of prevention of damage to grass verges with key officers from Environment and Commercial Services. Information was provided with regard to potential prevention measures including legal powers that were available to the Council.
19. The Panel also received an overview of its new scrutiny topic: Nutrient Neutrality, from the Head of Planning.
20. The next Scrutiny Panel meeting is scheduled to take place on 9 November 2022, with the Flood Risk Management Update on the agenda. The Panel will also discuss progress with the Work Programme 2022-2023.

### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

20. The Health Scrutiny Panel met on 13 September 2022 and considered the following:-

- {my} Dentist - Proposed Cleveland Retail Park Scheme – Consultation
- Integrated and Urgent Care in Middlesbrough and Redcar and Cleveland
- Department of Health & Social Care Guidance – Health overview and scrutiny committee principles
- Next Steps in Increasing Capacity and Operational Resilience in Urgent and Emergency Care Ahead of Winter – NHS England
- Chair's OSB Update

21. The Health Scrutiny Panel met on 11 October 2022 and considered the following:-

- Integrated and Urgent Care in Middlesbrough and Redcar & Cleveland
- Regional Health Scrutiny Update
- Dental Health and the impact of COVID-19 - Setting the Scene
- Opioid Dependency Review – Update
- Chair's OSB Update
- Date of next meeting – 13 December at 4pm

### **Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee**

22. The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (TVJHSC) met on 23 September 2022.

23. At its meeting on the 23 September the Committee considered the following:-

- Clinical Journey and Quality Journey - Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust – Presentation by the Chief Executive, Tees, Esk and Wear Valley NHS Foundation Trust
- North-East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board and System Implementation – Presentation by the Executive Director of Place-Based Delivery - Central and Tees Valley, North-East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
- Urgent and Emergency Care Access – Update by Director, North-East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board
- Paediatric Ophthalmology Services – Report of the Clinical Lead for Ophthalmology
- Work Programme – Report of the Assistant Director Law and Governance
- Date of next meeting – 16 December 2022

### **Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

24. The Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 14 October 2022.

25. At its meeting on the 14 October the Committee considered the following:-

- The appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair
- Group update from Helen Kemp Director of Business Skills;
- A discussion took place on TVCA,s investment plan which the Cabinet had asked the group to look. This was completed and passed back to Cabinet for consideration at their meeting on 28th October;
- Presentation on Culture;
- Date of next meeting – 12 January 2023.

### **SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE**

26. Since the last update to Council, the Final Report of the Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel - Tough Enough? Enforcement in Middlesbrough and its Impact on Crime and Anti-Social Behaviour was submitted to Executive on 18 October 2022.

### **What decision(s) are being recommended?**

27. That Council note the report.

### **Rationale for the recommended decision(s)**

28. The Constitution requires the Council to be provided with an update with regard to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny function.

### **Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended**

29. That an update on the work of the scrutiny function is not provided to full Council. This would not comply with the requirements for updates on the scrutiny function, to be reported to full Council.

### **Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)**

#### ***Legal***

30. The Constitution requires regular updates on the scrutiny function, to be submitted to full Council.

#### ***Strategic priorities and risks***

31. The relevant risks this decision would influence are cited below, with an explanation as to why they are relevant and how it would affect each risk.

| <b>Risk No</b> | <b>Risk Description</b>  | <b>Impact</b>  |
|----------------|--|--|
| O8-054         | Failure to adhere to Local Code of Corporate Governance and deliver governance improvements outlined in the Annual Governance Statement. | If updates on the work of the scrutiny function were not provided to Council, it would not be in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. |

#### ***Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection***

32. The subject of this report is not a policy, strategy, function or service that is new or being revised. It is considered that an equality impact assessment is not required.

### **Financial**

33. There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations within this report

### **Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)**

| Action | Responsible Officer | Deadline |
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### **Appendices**

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### **Background papers**

| Body | Report title | Date |
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