

<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>	18 September 2023
<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 26 July 2023.

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

- Minutes of OSB for 28 March and 18 April
  - Member approved the minutes as a true record.

- Minutes of the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel 23 February 2023
  - Member approved the minutes as a true record. Members also agreed that OSB would continue the review into homelessness started by the Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel.
- Executive Member Update – Deputy Mayor and Executive Member for Education and Culture
  - Members were updated with the Deputy Mayor’s priorities and work within her portfolio area.
- Executive Forward Work Programme
  - Members noted the Forward Work Programme and agreed they should receive a weekly copy of the Programme.
- Middlesbrough Local Boundary Review 2023
  - Members received information about the Local Boundary Review for Middlesbrough 2023 and were informed about its role in that process going forward.
- Scrutiny Chairs Updates.
  - Members were updated about the activity within each Scrutiny Panel. Scrutiny Chairs were advised that in their absence, the relevant Vice Chair should attend OSB to provide the update.

### **SCRUTINY PANEL UPDATES**

3. 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**

4. The Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel had its first meeting of the municipal year on 13 July 2023.
5. Members received an overview of the service areas from the Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration, including key strategic priorities and challenges for the coming year. The members were also introduced to the Heads of service.
6. The Panel also approved a schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.
7. The Scrutiny Panel’s next meeting is scheduled to take place on 12 September 2023, when Members will be asked to consider and determine suitable topics for inclusion in its Work Programme.

#### **Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel**

8. The newly constituted Children and Young People’s Scrutiny Panel met for the first time on 19 July 2023. R Brown, Director of Education and Partnerships, and K Simmons, Head of Review and Development Unit, Quality and Assurance and Principal Social Worker, attended and provided a presentation in relation to the Children’s Services Directorate, including priorities and challenges for the coming year.
9. The Panel also approved a schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.

10. The Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 18 September 2023 when Members will be asked to consider and determine suitable topics for inclusion in its Work Programme

### **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

11. The newly constituted Environment Scrutiny Panel met for the first time on 10 July 2023. G Field, Director of Environment and Community Services attended and provided a presentation in relation to the Environment and Community Services Directorate, including priorities and challenges for the coming year.
12. The Panel also approved a schedule of meeting dates for the remainder of the current Municipal Year.
13. The Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 12 September 2023 when Members will be asked to consider and determine suitable topics for inclusion in its Work Programme.

### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

14. The Health Scrutiny Panel met on 19 June 2023. At that meeting, the Panel considered the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account for 2022/2023. The Trust's Chief Nurse and the Associate Medical Director were in attendance to provide an outline of the priorities for improvement and the quality of services at the Trust. Following the meeting, a formal written response, detailing the Panel's comments and feedback was submitted to the Trust.
15. The Health Scrutiny Panel last met on 10 July 2023. At that meeting, the Panel received:
  - information on the reasons Foundations (Acklam Road) had served notice on its contract;
  - details of how patients would be allocated to alternative general practices to ensure they could continue to access primary medical services; and
  - information on the new specialist clinical/prescribing service for substance misuse.
16. The Commissioning Lead for Primary Care from the NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB), the Programme Manager from Public Health and the Partners of the practice were in attendance to present information.
17. At that meeting, the Panel also received an Overview of NHS Health and Public Health and information was presented on the NHS North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) and Public Health South Tees, including the main duties and areas within the respective remits and an outline of the key priorities, issues and challenges for the year ahead. The Director of Place Based Delivery from the ICB and the Director of Public Health were both in attendance to present information.

### **Regeneration Scrutiny Panel**

22. The newly constituted Regeneration Scrutiny Panel met for the first time on 19 July 2023. Richard Horniman, Director of Regeneration attended and gave a presentation in relation to the Regeneration Directorate. The objectives, aims and some of the challenges for the service were discussed.
23. The Panel approved a schedule of meeting dates for the forthcoming Municipal Year.
24. At the next meeting, the Panel will discuss and agree topics for inclusion in its Work Programme. The Panel has also asked for an update on the Local Plan.

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

24. The Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee (TVHSJC) met on 28 July 2023. At that meeting, the Committee considered the following items:

- Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee - Protocol and Terms of Reference;
- Tees Valley Breast Care Services;
- Tees Valley Community Diagnostic Centres;
- North East Ambulance Service NHS Foundation Trust - CQC Inspections/ Independent Review;
- Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust - Lived Experience Directors; and
- Work Programme 2023-2024.

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

25. The Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 2 March 2023.

26. At its meeting on the 2 March 2023 the Committee considered the following:-

- Martin Waters, Business Growth Manager of TVCA delivered a presentation to the committee on supporting local businesses.
- Councillor Bob Cook from Stockton Council together with Shona Duncan Head of Education & Skills at TVCA presented a report with an update on the activity and forward plan to date. The Committee sought clarity on the number of apprentices in Tees Valley and were informed that there were around 500 live vacancies at this time.
- The TVCA Monitoring Officer discussed the requirements for the Committee to either deal with presentations or reports.
- It was explained that the time of the next meeting could not be confirmed until after the May elections, when new members would have been ratified by TVCA cabinet.
- Overview & Scrutiny Annual Report 2022-2023
- UK Shared Prosperity Fund – Business Update
- EES Update

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

27. Since the last update to Council, the following Final Scrutiny report has been submitted to Executive:-

Executive – 24 January 2023 - Final Report of Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel in respect of a review of the role of the Voluntary and Community Sector (VCS) in supporting Adult Social Care (with a focus on COVID-19 and Recovery).

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

28. That Council note the report.

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

29. 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**

30. 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*

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

### *Strategic priorities and risks*

32. 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*

33. 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*

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

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

<b>Action</b>	<b>Responsible Officer</b>	<b>Deadline</b>

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## Background papers

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