

COUNCIL

Report title	Scrutiny Progress Report
Chief Executive or Director	Director of Legal and Governance Services
Date	13 January 2021

Summary

Proposed decision(s)
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.

Report for:	Key decision:	Confidential:	Is the report urgent?
To be noted	No	The report is not confidential	Non-urgent report

Contribution to delivery of the 2020-23 Strategic Plan		
People	Place	Business
N/A	N/A	Members will be able to keep abreast of the work carried out through the Scrutiny Process
Ward(s) affected		
No wards in Middlesbrough are directly affected.		

What is the purpose of this report?

1. To update the position in respect of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board 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

Two meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Board had been scheduled for 18 December 2020 to consider three call-in requests (two related to the same issue of Residual Waste Collections).

The first meeting related to a decision taken by the Executive on 24 November 2020 – Nunthorpe Grange Farm: Disposal – Church Lane. The meeting was adjourned in order for the Monitoring Officer to obtain further information for the Board. Unfortunately, technical issues prevented the meeting from reconvening on 18 December 2020; a revised date will be scheduled as soon as possible.

The second meeting, scheduled to consider two call-in requests in respect of a decision taken by the Executive on 24 November 2020 – Residual Waste Collections, was also unable to take place due to technical issues. However, at a subsequent meeting of the Executive held on 22 December 2020, a decision was taken to not introduce alternate weekly collections at the present time. Therefore, a revised meeting date to consider these call-in requests would not be required.

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

At the meeting on 9 December 2020, the Panel held a joint meeting with members of the Health Scrutiny Panel to have an introduction meeting on Palliative and End of Life Care.

The Panel welcomed Craig Blair, Director of Commissioning Strategy and Delivery from the NHS Tees Valley Clinical Commissioning Group and David Smith, Chief Executive of Teesside Hospice to provide an overview of their work within this area.

The CCG had been successful in securing support from NHS England to become one of four commissioning exemplar sites across the country and a programme of work was planned to start in 2021, spanning 12-18 months, to co-design and produce a vision and subsequent strategy for end of life care across the Tees Valley.

Although the programme would be in its very early stages in January 2021, the CCG have been invited to the next panel meeting to share initial scoping work.

Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel

The Scrutiny Panel met on 7 December 2020. At the meeting, the Strategic Lead for Inclusion and Specialist Support Services was in attendance to provide further information in respect of the Local Authority's role in supporting schools with behaviour management. This evidence included:

- Detailed information on the new Inclusion, Assessment and Review Service and the 'Team Around the School' approach;
- Examples of the cases dealt with by the service and the outcomes achieved; and

- Information on the feedback received from schools on the new model and preliminary data on its impact (data will also be requested at a later date).

The Scrutiny Panel also agreed its terms of reference for the review.

The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for 18 January 2021

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

The Scrutiny Panel met on 7 December 2020. The Executive Director of Children's Services and relevant Officers from Children's Services were in attendance at the meeting to provide further information in relation to the Panel's current scrutiny topic of Sufficiency and Permanency (Perceptions of Children in Care).

The Panel received information in relation to Futures for Families and the Innovate Team which included the aims of both services, current progress, future progress forecasts and anecdotal evidence/case studies.

The Panel's next meeting is scheduled for 18 January 2021.

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

The Panel met on 12 November 2020 where it considered the following:

- An update on the Prevent Strategy;
- The Draft Final Report on Community Cohesion; and
- The Draft Terms of Reference for the topic of Cultural Events.

The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for 10 December 2020.

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

The Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure (EDEI) Scrutiny Panel met on 16 December 2020. The Panel received an overview of the Council's Pest Control Services from the Director of Environment and Community Services, the Head of Environment Services and the Operations Manager, Recycling and Education.

The next meeting of the Panel is scheduled for 20 January 2021.

Health Scrutiny Panel

The Health Scrutiny Panel is next scheduled to meet on 19 January 2021.

Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

The Committee is next scheduled to meet on 29 January 2021.

Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee

The Tees Valley Combined Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 7 January 2021 where it considered the following:

- Group Chief Executive's Update;
- SQW Gateway Review;
- Finance and Resources Sub Committee – Budget Consultation Report;
- Delegated Decisions;
- Meetings and Forward Plan;
- Teesside International Airport – Update and Business Plan; and
- Confidential Appendix to Teesside International Airport – Update and Business Plan.

SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE

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

22 December 2020 – Final Report of the Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel – Addressing Poverty Issues and the Impact on Learning.

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 it is not applicable.

Actions to be taken to implement the decision(s)

13. Not applicable.

Background papers

14. No unpublished background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

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