

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL	
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Report of:	The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Board and the Director of Legal and Governance Services
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Relevant Executive Member:	Executive Member for Finance and Governance
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Submitted to:	Council
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Date:	17 July 2024
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Title:	Scrutiny Progress Report
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Report for:	Information
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Status:	Public
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Council Plan priority:	Delivering Best Value
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Key decision:	No
Why:	Not applicable

Subject to call in?:	No
Why:	Not Applicable

Proposed decision(s)	
	That Council note the report.

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.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To update the position in respect of the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Board and scrutiny panels.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That Council

note the report.

3. Rationale for the recommended decision(s)

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

4. Background and relevant information:

4.1 Overview and Scrutiny Board

4.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 26 June 2024 and considered the following substantive items on its agenda:

- a) Scrutiny – Work Planning
- b) Executive Forward Work Programme
- c) OSB Work Programme 2023/24

4.3 OSB considered a presentation regarding Scrutiny future work planning arrangements and received a refresh on scrutiny best practice. The Board was advised of prospective scrutiny topics following the annual scrutiny public consultation exercise. The Board was also advised that the People and Place Scrutiny Panels would consider their own work programme reports at their July meetings. Following these meetings, OSB would consider the final scrutiny work programme for the forthcoming year and would seek OSB approval.

4.4 Members also considered the Executive Forward Programme as a means of identifying issues that may warrant scrutiny input.

5. Scrutiny Panel Updates

5.1 The updated position in respect of the work of each of the Council's scrutiny panels is shown below.

5.2 People Scrutiny Panel

5.3 The first meeting of the People Scrutiny Panel was held on Monday, 10 June 2024. The Panel considered the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account for 2023/2024, and the Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys (TEWV) NHS Foundation Trust's draft Quality Account for 2023/2024.

Representatives from the South Tees NHS Foundation Trust were in attendance to deliver a presentation and answer any queries that the Panel had. Members heard from the Trust's Chief Nurse, Compliance Manager and Deputy Director of Quality. Members noted the document and information provided. A letter containing

Members' feedback in respect of the draft Quality Account was subsequently forwarded to the Trust, which had a deadline date of 14 June 2024.

In the absence of representatives from TEWV, two queries raised at the meeting were forwarded to the Trust for a response. Members noted the contents of the draft Quality Account document that had been provided with the agenda pack.

The next meeting had been scheduled for Monday, 15 July 2024. At that meeting, the Panel would be receiving information from the Directors of Adult Services, Children's Services and Health in order to discuss and agree its Work Programme for the 2024/2025 municipal year.

5.4 **Place Scrutiny Panel**

5.5 The first meeting of the Place Scrutiny Panel is scheduled to take place on Monday 29 July 2024 at 4.30 pm. The Panel will be discussing and agreeing its Work Programme 2024-2025 at that meeting.

6. **Scrutiny Reports Submitted to Executive**

6.1 Since the last update to Council, no Final Scrutiny reports have been submitted to Executive.

7. **Other potential alternative(s) and why these have not been recommended**

7.1 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)

8. ***Financial (including procurement and Social Value)***

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

9. ***Legal***

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

10. ***Risk***

10.1 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.

Risk No	Risk Description	Impact
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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.
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11. Human Rights, Public Sector Equality Duty and Community Cohesion

11.1 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.

12. Climate Change / Environmental

Not applicable.

13. Children and Young People Cared for by the Authority and Care Leavers

Not applicable.

14. Data Protection

Not applicable.

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

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline

Appendices

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Background papers

Body	Report title	Date

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