

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:	11 September 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
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Why:	Not applicable
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Subject to call in?:	No
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Why:	Not Applicable
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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 31 July 2024 and considered the following substantive items on its agenda:

- a) Executive Forward Work Programme
- b) Local Government Boundary Commission Review 2024 – Consultation Update
- c) Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/25

4.3 The Mayor and Executive Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health was in attendance and provided an update on his portfolio.

4.4 Members approved the topics submitted by the Place Scrutiny Panel for the Work Programme 2024/2025 which included Empty Properties, Home to School Transport and Barriers to Regeneration.

4.5 The next meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Board will take place on 25 September 2024 when the Executive Member for Regeneration.

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 A meeting of the People Scrutiny Panel took place on 15 July 2024. The Joint Director of Public Health, Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration and Executive Director of Children's Services were in attendance to provide the panel with an overview of the services provided across their Directorates, and to highlight the strategic and departmental priorities for the coming year.

The Deputy Director of Delivery for the North East and North Cumbria Integrated Care Board (ICB) was also in attendance and provided the panel with an overview of the

Tees Valley health landscape; key health issues, challenges and opportunities; and matters for Members to note over the next twelve months.

In relation to setting the Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme 2024/2025 - due to the level of information received and number of suggestions made, the panel agreed that a decision regarding the Work Programme would be taken at the next scheduled meeting.

The next meeting of the People Scrutiny Panel will take place on 16 September 2024.

5.4 Place Scrutiny Panel

- 5.5 The first meeting of the Place Scrutiny Panel took place on Monday 29 July 2024. At that meeting the Director of Regeneration and the Head of Neighbourhoods, Environment and Community Services provided an overview of the services provided across their respective Directorates and highlighted priorities and challenges for the next year.

The Panel discussed and agreed its work programme for 2024-2025 and the chosen topics were submitted to, and approved by, the Overview and Scrutiny Board on 31 July 2024.

The next meeting of the Place Scrutiny Panel is scheduled for 2 September 2024 when the Panel will commence its work programme, receiving presentations in respect of Home to School Transport and Empty Properties.

An additional meeting of the Place Scrutiny Panel has been arranged on 23 September 2024 at which the Panel will consider the former Environment Scrutiny Panel's Waste Management Final Report and determine conclusions and recommendations for inclusion in the report, prior to submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Board. Members of the former Environment Panel have been invited to join the 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
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.

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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