

## COUNCIL

<b>Report title</b>	Scrutiny Progress Report
<b>Chief Executive or Director</b>	Director of Legal and Governance Services
<b>Date</b>	28 July 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.

<b>Report for:</b>	<b>Key decision:</b>	<b>Confidential/Exempt:</b>	<b>Is the report urgent?</b>
To be noted	No	No	Non-urgent report

**Contribution to delivery of the 2021-24 Strategic Plan**

<b>People</b>	<b>Place</b>	<b>Business</b>
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**

The Overview and Scrutiny Board met on 29 June 2021.

At the 29 June 2021 meeting, the Board considered / received information in respect of the following:

- Executive Forward Work Programme;
- Chief Executive's Update
- Town Centre Regeneration Update
- Strategic Plan 2020-23 – Progress at Year-End 2020/2021
- Revenue and Capital Budget – Year-End Outturn Position
- Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel – Final Report – Members Communications
- Scrutiny Chairs Updates

## **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**

The Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel met on 7 July 2021.

The Director of Adult Social Care and Health Integration was in attendance at the meeting and provided an overview of the service area.

The Panel discussed and selected topics for the Work Programme 2021/2022, which were forwarded to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval.

A proposed meeting schedule for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year was approved.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 1 September 2021 when the Panel will receive information in respect of Adult Day Care Services.

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

The Scrutiny Panel last met on 28 June 2021. At the meeting Rob Brown, the Director of Education, Prevention and Partnerships; Karen Smith, the Head of Achievement, Education, Prevention and Partnerships and Caroline Cannon, the Strategic Lead for Inclusion and Specialist Support Services provided the Scrutiny Panel with an overview of the main service areas within its remit and an outline of priorities, key issues and challenges for the year ahead.

The Scrutiny Panel also considered its work programme for 2021/22, the following topics were agreed and will be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval:

#### In-depth reviews

- Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND)
- The Impact of COVID-19 on Education and the Council's Recovery Plan

### Short review/one-off meeting

- Post-16 Education

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 26 July 2021. At this meeting, the Scrutiny Panel will receive an update on its previous review of Addressing Poverty Issues and the Impact on Learning and it will also consider the draft final report on Behaviour, Discipline and Bullying in Schools.

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

The Scrutiny Panel is due to meet on 27 July 2021 at 4.00pm.

The Executive Director of Children's Services will provide the Panel with an overview of the services within the Panel's remit and outline the priorities, challenges and pressures for the year ahead. The Panel will also consider its work programme for 2021/22.

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

The Culture and Communities Panel met on 15 July 2021.

The Directors of Environment and Community Services, and Regeneration and Culture were in attendance at the meeting and provided an overview of their service areas.

The Panel discussed and selected topics for the Work Programme 2021/2022 which were forwarded to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval.

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

The Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure (EDEI) Scrutiny Panel met on 30 June 2021.

The Directors of Environment and Community Services, and Regeneration and Culture were in attendance at the meeting and provided an overview of their service areas.

The Panel discussed and selected topics for the Work Programme 2021/2022 which were forwarded to the Overview and Scrutiny Board for approval.

A proposed meeting schedule for the 2021/2022 Municipal Year was approved.

Following the submission of a Final Report on Pest Control to Executive, Councillor Hubbard provided verbal feedback on the service area's response to the Panel's recommendations and the Executive's approval of that response.

The next meeting is scheduled to be held on 21 July 2021 when the Panel will continue with its current review of Middlesbrough Regeneration Post Covid-19 with presentation in relation to support and grants provided to local businesses by Middlesbrough Council during the pandemic.

## **Health Scrutiny Panel**

The Health Scrutiny Panel met on 13 July 2021 where the Panel considered the latest Quality Accounts document from South Tees Hospital Trust. The Deputy Director of Quality and Safety supported by the Chief Nurse and Clinical Director of Medicine presented the Panel with the achievements and challenges the Trust had faced in 2020/21 and could face in 2021/22. The Panel heard how the Trust had continued to deliver excellent care and procedures despite operating within the confines of Covid restrictions. Such procedures included innovative cardiothoracic surgical practices using MitraClips. The Panel also heard how, before the programme moved to Primary Care, the Trust had administered 134,000 swab tests and 71,000 vaccines as part of its continuing fight in the Covid Pandemic. The Panel challenged the Trust on poor performance indicators but were assured that this was not unique to South Tees and that this trend was apparent in most Trusts nationally.

The Panel also received an update in respect of COVID-19 from the Director of Public Health (South Tees).

At its next meeting on 7 September the Panel will start gathering evidence into its review of Health Inequalities from representatives from Newcastle University and the Institute of Public Policy Research.

## **SCRUTINY REPORTS SUBMITTED TO EXECUTIVE**

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

13 July 2021 - Final Report – Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel – Community Cohesion – Service Response

## **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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