

**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
Management Board**

18 March 2019



**Information update from the Chairs of
the Overview and Scrutiny Committees**

**Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and
Partnerships**

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present to Members an information update of overview and scrutiny activity from 13 February 2019 – March 2019.

Executive summary

- 2 It was previously agreed that a written report of Chairs' updates would be presented for information only to all Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Boards.
- 3 This update covers the time period from 13 February 2019 – March 2019.

Recommendation(s)

- 4 Members are invited to receive the report and note the information contained therein

Background

- 5 Members of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (COSMB) are encouraged to get involved in any area of overview and scrutiny activity via thematic committees and talk to scrutiny committee chairs and overview and scrutiny officers on areas of project and overview activity.

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (COSMB)

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
Scrutiny Review Activity	The final scrutiny discussion on MTFP 9 was included on the agenda for the COSMB meeting on 13 February 2019 and final scrutiny comments were fed back to the February Council by the Chair of COSMB.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>COSMB on 13 February 2019 received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council's use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 - Q3 2018/19 • Notice of Key Decisions <p>A special COSMB meeting was held on 4 March 2019 to consider an appeal on the review of a petition relating to street lighting at Binchester.</p>

Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	SSC OSC on 14 February 2019 received progress reports on implementation of recommendations for review activity on Safe and wellbeing visits and Cybercrime.
Scrutiny Review Activity	A review of Private Residential Children's Homes is being undertaken jointly with Children and Young Peoples OSC (see CYP OSC for further details).
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>SSC OSC on 14 February 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consumer Protection and enforcement activity • Progress on recommendations following overview and scrutiny reviews on cybercrime and safe and wellbeing visits.

Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (E&E OSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	E&E OSC on 25 February 2019 received detail of progress made against the recommendations contained in the Support for Skills Development scrutiny review report.
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Scrutiny Review Activity	No scrutiny review activity currently identified.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The Economy and Enterprise OSC 25 February 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • North East LEP • Skills Strategy • Digital Durham Programme • Overview and Scrutiny's formal response to the Housing Strategy <p>Special Economy and Enterprise OSC 11 March 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Industrial Strategy • Private sector housing

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (E&S OSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report for this period.
Scrutiny Review Activity	Review of DCC's future allotment policy – the review has been paused pending feedback to the review group from the formal consultation to be undertaken by the Service Grouping.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC 8 March 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Action Plan • Tree Policy and maintenance • CDEP minutes

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYP OSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report for this period.
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Scrutiny Review Activity	<p>A review of Private Children’s Residential Care Homes is being undertaken jointly with Safer Stronger Communities OSC.</p> <p>To date the working group has held an overview session, two focus groups one with elected Members and one with young people residing in private children’s homes. Evidence gathering sessions have included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An understanding of demand on services and the potential impact and vulnerability of children and young people through out of area placements. • Information on legislation, regulation and engagement in relation to children’s residential care.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The Children and Young People’s OSC on 28 February 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Healthy 0 -19 • SEND Inclusion/Exclusion • Education Attainment

Adults, Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWH OSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
Scrutiny Review Activity	A Review of GP Services across County Durham is being undertaken with working group meetings held on 6 th February and 26 February 2019
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>Special AWH OSC on 21 February 2019 on Shotley Bridge Hospital - engagement and communications information on future service provision</p> <p>AWH OSC on 7 March 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEAS Performance against national ambulance standards • Integrated Sexual Health Services • Durham Health and Wellbeing system plan 2019/20

Performance/Budget/Work Programme Reporting

6 Information on both performance and outturn reports continue to be received and commented upon.

Regional Scrutiny

7 North East Regional Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 22 February 2019. The agenda included:

- Information item on STP and presentation on the North East Integrated Care System.

8 North East Combined Authority (NECA)

The Chair and Vice-Chair of COSMB represent Durham County Council on the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

9 The NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 14 March 2019. The agenda included:

- Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme
- Review of decision making following governance changes
- Strategic Economic Plan Update

The North East Joint Transport Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 14 March 2019. The agenda included:

- Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme
- Review of decision making protocol following governance changes
- Transport for the North Strategic Plan – overview of the internal consultation process

Conclusion

10 This reports contains the key issues considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the period 13 February 2019 – March 2019 and is provided for members information only.

Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

N/A.

Finance

N/A.

Consultation

N/A.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

N/A.

Human Rights

N/A.

Crime and Disorder

N/A.

Staffing

N/A.

Accommodation

N/A.

Risk

N/A.

Procurement

N/A.