

**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board**

**13 September 2019**

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



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**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 21 June 2019 – September 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 21 June 2019 – September 2019.

**Recommendation(s)**

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

**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	No scrutiny review activity currently identified.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>COSMB on 21 June 2019 received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Council's use of powers under RIPA 2000 Act</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Performance Management</li> <li>• Overview &amp; Scrutiny Annual Report</li> <li>• Work programme 2019/20</li> <li>• Petitions</li> <li>• Notice of key decisions</li> <li>• Chairs Update</li> </ul> <p>Special COSMB on 23 July 2019 received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Vision for County Durham 2035</li> <li>• Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities</li> <li>• County Durham Partnership update</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Customer Feedback</li> </ul>

## Adults, Wellbeing 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	<p>A Review of GP Services across County Durham is being undertaken with a working group meeting held on 25 June 2019.</p> <p>25 June 2019</p> <p>The Working Group received a report from the NEAS NHS FT 111 Service and the Regional Director of Services Lead – North East, North East &amp; Cumbria Urgent Care Network, North of England Commissioning Support on the role of NHS 111 in accessing health appointments.</p>

<p>Overview reports/ Presentations</p>	<p>AWH OSC on 4 July 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skerne Medical Group</li> <li>• Path to Excellence Programme Phase 2</li> <li>• County Durham Oral Health Strategy update</li> <li>• Adults and Health Services update</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Performance Management</li> <li>• NHS Quality Accounts 2018/19 – AWH OSC responses</li> <li>• Refresh of the work programme 2019/20</li> </ul> <p>A special AWH OSC on 30 July 2019 received a report and presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clinical Commissioning Group merger proposal</li> </ul> <p>AWH OSC on 6 September 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Future of Ward 6, Bishop Auckland Hospital</li> <li>• Review of Stroke Rehabilitation Services in County Durham County Council</li> <li>• Crisis Service Improvements</li> <li>• Right Care, Right Place Programme</li> <li>• Peterlee Urgent Treatment Centre</li> <li>• Path to Excellence Phase 2</li> </ul>
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### **Children and Young People’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYP OSC)**

<p>Update on Previous Reviews</p>	<p>There are no systematic reviews to report for this period.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Review Activity</p>	<p>A review of Private Children’s Residential Care Homes is being undertaken jointly with Safer Stronger Communities OSC.</p> <p>The Review Group have agreed their key findings and recommendations and work is continuing on developing a report.</p> <p>A review of Elective Home Education was agreed, the first meeting of the review group will be held on 11 September.</p>
<p>Overview reports/ Presentations</p>	<p>The Children and Young People’s OSC on 1 July 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Safeguarding Children Partnership Arrangements</li> <li>• County Durham Health and Wellbeing System Plan 2019/20 – Part B Children</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Performance Management</li> <li>• Scoping report: Elective Home Education</li> <li>• Refresh of the work programme</li> <li>• Update on Review of Children’s Residential Care Homes</li> </ul>
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### **Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (E&E OSC)**

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
Scrutiny Review Activity	No scrutiny review activity currently identified.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The Economy and Enterprise OSC on 27 June 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Durham Economic Partnership</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Performance Management</li> <li>• Refresh of the Work Programme</li> <li>• Minutes of the County Durham Economic Partnership</li> </ul> <p>The meeting was followed by an awareness session for all Overview and Scrutiny members and the relevant Cabinet Portfolio Holders on the retail performance of County Durham Town Centre’s and the Town Centre Survey 2018.</p>

### **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 group met on the 22 July 2019 and agreed the key findings and possible recommendations. Work is continuing on the draft report.

Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The Environment and Sustainable Communities OSC on 12 July 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Strategic Cycling and Walking Delivery Plan</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Performance management</li> <li>• Refresh of the Work Programme</li> <li>• County Durham Environment Partnership Board minutes</li> </ul>
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### **Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC)**

Update on Previous Reviews	<p>There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.</p> <p>Cybercrime – members were invited to attend the launch of a video presentation titled ‘HACK’ that had been produced by students from New College Durham to raise awareness of the potential consequences of young people engaging in cybercrime. The video was a recommendation to be considered following the Committee’s review.</p>
Scrutiny Review Activity	<p>A review of Private Residential Children’s Homes is being undertaken jointly with Children and Young Peoples OSC (see CYP OSC for further details).</p>
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>SSC OSC on 24 June 2019 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arson and Deliberate Secondary Fires in East Durham</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence</li> <li>• Q4 2018/19 Performance Management</li> <li>• Work Programme review</li> <li>• Updates on Police &amp; Crime Panel</li> </ul>

### **Performance/Budget/Work Programme Reporting**

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

### **Regional Scrutiny**

- 7 Meetings of the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the NECA & North of Tyne CA Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee were held on 18 July 2019.

- 8 The NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee received reports and presentations on:
- Thematic Lead update report
  - NECA Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme
- 9 The NECA & North of Tyne CA Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee received reports and presentations on:
- Williams Rail Review
  - Joint Transport Committee Forward Plan and Scrutiny Work Programme
  - Tyne Tunnels update

## **Conclusion**

- 9 This report contains the key issues considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the period 21 June 2019 – September 2019 and is provided for members information only.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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### **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.