

**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny  
Management Board**

**3 December 2021**



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

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**Report of Paul Darby, Corporate Director of Resources**

**Electoral division(s) affected:**

Countywide

**Purpose of the Report**

- 1 To present to members an information update of overview and scrutiny activity from October – December 2021.

**Executive summary**

- 2 This report sets out a chairs' update of all scrutiny activity for the period from the last COSMB meeting up to December 2021.
- 3 The report is for information only and will be submitted to all Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Management Boards.

**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 be 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 25 October 2021 received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report on the Council's use of powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 - Q1 and Q2 2021/22</li> <li>• Medium Term Financial Plan (12) 2022/23 to 2025/26</li> <li>• Resources - Q1 June 2021 Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2021/22</li> <li>• Q1 2021/2 Performance Management</li> <li>• Q1 2021/22 Customer Feedback</li> <li>• Annual Statutory Representations 2020/21 report</li> <li>• Notice of Key Decisions</li> </ul>

## Adults, Wellbeing and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWH OSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	Review of GP Services in County Durham – report on progress against review recommendations was considered at AWH OSC on 19 November 2021.
Scrutiny Review Activity	No scrutiny review activity currently identified.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>AWH OSC on 19 November 2021 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Integrated Care System update</li> <li>• NHS Dentistry Services</li> </ul>

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

Update on Previous Reviews	Members received an update on the progress of the recommendations from the Elective Home Education Review via
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	briefing note circulated on 24 September. No questions were received.
Scrutiny Review Activity	No scrutiny review activity currently identified
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The CYP OSC on 15 November 2021 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services</li> <li>• Children and Young People’s Mental Health and Emotional Wellbeing</li> <li>• Key findings and actions - Ofsted focused visit July 2021</li> <li>• Corporate Parenting Panel Annual Report 2020/2021</li> </ul> <p>A briefing report was circulated on the Holiday Activities with Food</p>

### **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>A meeting of the E&amp;E OSC on 11 November 2021 considered reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Durham’s Visitor Economy</li> <li>• Managing Change in County Durham’s Towns and Villages</li> </ul> <p>The Committee submitted an O&amp;S response to the Draft Minerals and Waste Policies and Allocations Development Plan Document</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.
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Scrutiny Review Activity	Consideration as to whether DCC declares an Ecological Emergency
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>ESC OSC on 24 November 2021 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fly Tipping in County Durham</li> <li>• Strategic Overview of Resources and Waste Management Services in County Durham</li> <li>• Single Use Plastics Project Update</li> <li>• Work Programme Update</li> </ul> <p>A briefing report was circulated on the engagement process for the Leisure Centre Transformation Programme</p> <p>The committee has submitted O&amp;S responses in relation to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leisure Centre Transformation Programme - Stage 1 Consultation</li> <li>• Climate Emergency Response Plan (CERP)</li> </ul>

### **Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC 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>SSC OSC on 4 November 2021 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arson and Deliberate Fire setting</li> <li>• Overview of the Domestic Abuse Act 2021 and Whole System Approach to Domestic Abuse</li> <li>• Q1 2021/22 Performance Management report</li> </ul>

### **Regional Scrutiny**

- 6 The NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the NECA & North of Tyne CA Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee are both scheduled to meet on 16 December 2021.

## **Conclusion**

- 13 This report contains the key issues considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the period October – December 2021 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.

### **Climate Change**

Any climate change implications will be included in individual reports to the appropriate scrutiny committee.

### **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.