

**Corporate Overview and Scrutiny
Management Board**

21 January 2022



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

Report of Paul Darby, Corporate Director of Resources (Interim)

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present to members an information update of overview and scrutiny activity from December 2021 – January 2022.

Executive summary

- 2 This report sets out a chairs' update of all scrutiny activity for the period from the last COSMB meeting up to January 2022.
- 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 3 December 2021 received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RIPA Annual Review of the Council's use of powers • Resources – Q2 Forecast of Revenue and Capital outturn 2021/22 • Q2 2021/22 Customer Feedback • Overview and Scrutiny Six Monthly report • Refresh of non-statutory, non-voting overview and scrutiny co-optees • Update on Petitions • Notice of key decisions • Chair's update

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	No scrutiny review activity currently identified.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>AWH OSC on 14 January 2022 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introducing QWELL Digital Mental Health Services for Adults • 2021/22 Q2 Adults and Health Services Budget Outturn • Q2 2021/22 Performance Management report • County Durham and Darlington Adult Mental Health Rehabilitation and Recovery services • Director of Public Health County Durham Annual Report 2020/21 • Local Outbreak Management Plan

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.
Scrutiny Review Activity	No scrutiny review activity currently identified
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>The CYP OSC on 7 January 2022 received reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Poverty in County Durham • Free School Meals • Q2 21/22 Performance management • Q2 21/22 Revenue and Capital outturn report

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

Update on Previous Reviews	A report on support provided to the retail sector by Durham County Council was considered at the meeting on 20 December 2021.
Scrutiny Review Activity	No scrutiny review activity currently identified.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>A meeting of the E&E OSC on 20 December 2021 considered reports and presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investment Pipelines • Q2 2021/22 Revenue and Capital Outturn • Q2 2021/22 Performance Management • Minutes of the County Durham Economic Partnership 20 September 2021

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	A special meeting of the ESC OSC on 13 December 2021 considered a report and presentation on whether Cabinet should declare an ecological emergency.
Overview reports/ Presentations	ESC OSC on 18 January 2022 will consider reports and presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter 2 Revenue and Capital Outturn • Q2 Performance Management

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	SSC OSC on 6 December 2021 received reports and presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Risk Management Plan • Nuisance Motorbikes and Quads • Community Protection Service • Public Protection Service

Regional Scrutiny

- 6 The NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee held an informal meeting on 16 December 2021 and received reports and presentations on:
- NECA budget proposals 2022/23
 - Digital Exclusion in the North East
 - Forward Plan and Work Programme update
 - Public Health and Social Care – Winter Pressures
- 7 The NECA & North of Tyne CA Joint Transport Committee Overview and Scrutiny Committee held an informal meeting on 16 December 2021 and received reports and presentations on:
- Integrated Rail Plan and Leamside Line

- Application of Transport Assurances Framework
- JTC Budget Proposals 2022/23
- JTC Forward Plan and Work Programme report

Conclusion

- 13 This report contains the key issues considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for the period December 2021 – January 2022 and is provided for members information only.

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Appendix 1: Implications

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.