

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

17 February 2014



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

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### Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

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#### Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present to Members an information update of overview and scrutiny activity from November 2013 – February 2014.

#### Background

- 2 As previously agreed, a written report of Chairs' updates will be presented for information only to all Overview and Scrutiny Management Boards. Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board are encouraged to get involved in any area of Overview and Scrutiny activity via thematic committees and/or talk to Scrutiny Committee Chairs and OS Officers on areas of project/overview activity.

#### Updates

- 3 Updates from Overview and Scrutiny Committees from November 2013 – February 2014 are as follows:

#### Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CIOSC)

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<p>CIOSC on 25<sup>th</sup> November received a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customer First Strategy – proposed CIOSC Task and Finish Group. Terms of reference and a project plan were provided, and nominations of ten Members requested to take part in this review.</li><li>• The first meeting took place on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2014.</li></ul> <p>The special joint CIOSC/OSMB meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January received a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MTFP 2014/15–2016/17 (MTFP 4) and 2014/15 Budget</li></ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>CIOSC on 25<sup>th</sup> November received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on Council's use of powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Quarter 2 2013/14.</li><li>• Review of Sustainable Community Strategy, Council Plan and Service Plans.</li><li>• Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions – Quarter 2.</li><li>• Children and Adults Services Annual Representations Report 2012/13.</li></ul>

	<p>The special joint CIOSC/OSMB meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January received a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Customer First Strategy Refresh 2014-2017.</li> </ul>
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### Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC)

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<p>Neighbourhood Warden Service</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Review Group meetings have been held to gather evidence on partnership arrangements with Durham Constabulary and to consider the Review's draft report.</li> <li>• Members have also undertaken field study activity through a stop and search operation and neighbourhood walkabout to gain an insight into the wide range of work undertaken by the Service.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>SSC OSC on 3<sup>rd</sup> December received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Durham &amp; Darlington Fire &amp; Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan 2014/15 Consultation</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership's Integrated Restorative Practice Strategy</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership Strategic Assessment 2013</li> <li>• Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy</li> <li>• Police and Crime Panel update</li> <li>• a briefing to update the Committee on the work of the Safe Durham Partnership.</li> </ul>

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

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<p>There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period</p>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<p>E &amp; E OSC Members' Reference Group looking at the implications of changes in Government funding and policy on the economy of County Durham has held four meetings focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• work undertaken by DCC and partners to tackle issues in relation to employment and business support including the work of Jobcentre Plus and Business Durham.</li> <li>• a visit to Bishop Auckland College to see the work undertaken to develop training to meet the needs of local employers.</li> <li>• discussion of review recommendations.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>E&amp;E OSC on the 9<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Business support and the role of Business Durham;</li> <li>• the housing stock transfer;</li> <li>• the Combined Authority – consultation by the Secretary of State;</li> <li>• Community Infrastructure Levy – Overview and Scrutiny response;</li> <li>• County Durham Plan – Pre-submission draft – Overview and Scrutiny response.</li> </ul>

	<p>Special E&amp;E OSC on 27<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Youth Employment Initiative;</li> <li>• Digital Durham;</li> <li>• Masterplans;</li> <li>• Skills development in County Durham;</li> <li>• Combined Authority - Overview and Scrutiny response.</li> </ul>
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**Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Environment OSC)**

<b><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></b>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<b><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></b>	<p>Environment OSC Flooding Scrutiny Review Group has held 2 meetings focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The role of DCC as Lead Local Flood Authority, relevant policies and plans, how DCC works in partnership, funding, examples of various projects.</li> <li>• The role of Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency, Partnership working, relevant policies and plans, funding and examples of various projects.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	<p>Environment OSC on the 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Culture and Sports Services – update;</li> <li>• Waste programme;</li> <li>• Local Nature Partnerships;</li> <li>• Flooding – Scoping report and project plan.</li> </ul> <p>Special Environment OSC on the 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan.</li> <li>• Winter Maintenance Plan.</li> <li>• Flooding – Update on review activity.</li> </ul> <p><b>Visit to see LED Lighting units – 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Environment OSC on the 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2013 visited 3 locations Framwellgate Moor, Langley Moor and Gilesgate Moor to see the new LED lighting units in operation.</li> </ul>

## Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYP OSC)

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	CYP OSC on 16 <sup>th</sup> December received an update on the review of Obesity in Primary Aged Children.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	CYP OSC working group reviewing Alcohol and Substance Misuse by Young People received evidence on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Data Sharing with NHS Emergency Departments – 18 November</li> <li>• The Work of Balance – 28 November</li> <li>• Work is continuing on the review report.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CYP OSC on 16<sup>th</sup> December received a presentation on the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Board Strategy Refresh.</li> </ul>

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

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC on 17 December 2013 agreed that a light touch evidence gathering project be undertaken which would examine the services available in the Community and Voluntary sector in respect of Dementia as well as the current take up by GPs of initiatives aimed at the early detection of Dementia such as Memory Clinics
<b>Overview reports/ Presentation</b>	<p>Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC on 17th December 2013 received presentations in respect of:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Mental Health Strategy</li> <li>• Suicide Audit and Prevention in County Durham</li> <li>• Dementia</li> </ul> <p>It also received the Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</p> <p>The Special Meeting of the Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC on 24 January 2014 received presentations on Organisational Updates and Clinical Strategy Priorities from:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Durham and Darlington NHS FT</li> <li>• Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT</li> <li>• North East Ambulance Services NHS FT</li> <li>• County Durham HealthWatch</li> </ul> <p>The Committee also received a report and presentation in respect of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and formulated a response to these documents as part of an ongoing consultation exercise.</p>

## **Performance Indicator Workshop**

- 4 Members were invited to attend a workshop on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January, to comment on the performance indicators relevant to the thematic overview and scrutiny committees. This was well attended and comments will be fed back to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2014.

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

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

## **Recommendation**

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

**Background Papers:** Previous committee reports/presentations.

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## **Appendix 1: Implications**

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**Finance – N/A**

**Staffing – N/A**

**Risk – N/A**

**Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty – N/A**

**Accommodation – N/A**

**Crime and Disorder – N/A**

**Human Rights – N/A**

**Consultation – N/A**

**Procurement – N/A**

**Disability Issues – N/A**

**Legal Implications – N/A**