

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

25<sup>th</sup> March 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 February 2014 – March 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 February 2014 – March 2014 are as follows:

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

<b><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></b>	CIOSC on 19 <sup>th</sup> February received a final update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Fit for Purpose, Fit for the Future – a review of AAPs.</li></ul>
<b><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• MTFP and savings process - comments from Overview and Scrutiny Members were fed back to Cabinet and Council by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny.</li><li>• The Task and Finish Group looking at the Customer First Strategy has held three meetings, looking at:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Public consultation on the new Customer First Strategy for the Council for 2014-17</li><li>○ Demonstration of the Customer Relationship Management System</li><li>○ Customer Services Access Channels</li><li>○ Digital Durham</li><li>○ Use of Social Media.</li></ul></li></ul>
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	CIOSC on 19 <sup>th</sup> February received reports on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Report on Council's use of powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Quarter 3 2013/14.</li><li>• Review of Sustainable Community Strategy, Council Plan and Service Plans.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions – Quarter 2.</li> <li>• Children and Adults Services Annual Representations Report 2012/13.</li> </ul> <p>CIOSC Members were invited to OSMB on 17<sup>th</sup> February to receive a report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• General Fund Medium Term Financial Plan, 2014/15 to 2016/17 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2014/15.</li> </ul>
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### **Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC)**

<b><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The draft report for the Committee's review of Neighbourhood Wardens is currently being checked for accuracy by Service Management Teams and is then to be agreed by the Committee before consideration by Cabinet.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	<p>SSC OSC on the 25<sup>th</sup> February received reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Mental Health Strategy and Suicide Prevention in County Durham</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17</li> <li>• Hate Crime Action Plan – Update</li> <li>• Domestic Abuse Strategy and Action Plan 2012-15</li> <li>• Police and Crime Panel</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership Update</li> </ul>

### **Economy and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee (E & E 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>	The E & E OSC Members' Reference Group report looking at the implications of changes in Government funding and policy on the economy of County Durham is now complete and will be considered by the E&E OSC at the meeting on the 7 <sup>th</sup> April, 2014.
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	<p>E&amp;E OSC on the 27<sup>th</sup> February, 2013 received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Affordable Homes Delivery;</li> <li>• Homelessness Strategy;</li> <li>• Members' Reference Group Update – identifying key issues and next steps.</li> </ul>

## 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>	Environment OSC Flooding Scrutiny Review Group has held 4 meetings focusing on: <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> <li>• The role of planning in relation to mitigating flood risk and the use of sustainable urban drainage systems (SUDS);</li> <li>• The work of the CCU in building community resilience and providing an opportunity for members of DCC and members of the public to share their experiences in relation to flooding within their local communities.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	The meeting scheduled for 3 March was cancelled as the main item of business, a presentation by the Environment Agency and the Coal Authority on the Tyne and Wear Aquifer, could no longer be considered, as the Coal Authority were unable to attend due to the issues in the south of the country resulting from the extensive flooding. Arrangements have been made for a special meeting on the 1 May 2014.

## Children and Young Peoples Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CYP 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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work is continuing on the alcohol and substance misuse by young people scrutiny review, which has been presented to committee for comments on 10<sup>th</sup> March, prior to consideration by Cabinet.</li> </ul>
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	CYP OSC on 10 <sup>th</sup> March received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children with Disabilities taking part in Sports</li> <li>• Verbal update on the alcohol and substance misuse by young people review</li> <li>• Summary of the minutes from Children and Families Trust.</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>	The Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC on 17 March 2014 received an update report and presentation from representatives of North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT regarding the implementation of the review of Emergency Medical and Critical Care services at UH Hartlepool and UH North Tees.
<b>Overview reports/ Presentation</b>	Adults Wellbeing and Health OSC on 17 March 2014 received a report and presentation in respect of the Director of Public Health or County Durham's Annual Report

### Performance/Budget/Work Programme Reporting

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

### Recommendation

- 5 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**