

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

28<sup>th</sup> April 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 March – April 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 March – April 2014 are as follows:

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

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| <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>        | CIOSC on 27 <sup>th</sup> March received an update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The Customer First Task and Finish Group.</li></ul>  |
| <b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b> | CIOSC on 27 <sup>th</sup> March received reports/updates on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions Q3</li><li>• Refresh of the Committee's work programme.</li></ul> |

## Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC)

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| <b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>      | <p>SSC OSC considered and commented on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a report on implementation of the Scrap Metal Dealers Act 2013 following its review in 2012 of 'Use of legislation to tackle metal theft within County Durham'.</li> </ul>  |
| <b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>        | <p>SSC OSC on 3 April agreed a report on the review of Neighbourhood Wardens which was then considered by Cabinet on 16 April 2014.</p>  |
| <b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b> | <p>SSC OSC on the 25<sup>th</sup> February received presentations/ reports on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organised Crime</li> <li>• Multi-Agency Problem Solving Groups Review</li> <li>• Draft Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2014-17</li> <li>• Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme</li> <li>• Police and Crime Panel</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership Update.</li> </ul> |

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

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| <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 on 7<sup>th</sup> April looked at:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• a report of the E &amp; E OSC Members' Reference Group looking at the implications of changes in Government funding and policy on the economy of County Durham , and agreed the report be submitted for consideration by Cabinet on 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b> | <p>E&amp;E OSC on the 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Combined Authority</li> <li>• Housing Stock Transfer</li> <li>• Members' Reference Group final report.</li> <li>• Refresh of the Committee's work programme.</li> </ul>   |

**Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee  
(Environment OSC)**

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| <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 several meetings focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the role of DCC as Lead Local Flood Authority, relevant policies and plans, partnership working, funding and examples of various projects;</li> <li>• the role of Northumbrian Water and the Environment Agency, Partnership working, relevant policies and plans, funding and various projects undertaken;</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.</li> <li>• the response of DCC in relation to flooding emergencies and the role of Overview and Scrutiny in relation to managing flood risk.</li> </ul> <p>In addition, the review group undertook a visit to three locations (Chester-le-street, Waldrige and Witton Gilbert) to see work undertaken to mitigate flooding.</p> |
| <b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b> | <p>Environment OSC on the 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Local air quality management within County Durham.</li> <li>• Contaminated Land Strategy</li> <li>• Garden Waste</li> <li>• Refresh of the Committee’s work programme.</li> </ul>   |

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

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| <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 CYPS OSC report on the review of Alcohol and Substance Misuse by Young People was considered by Cabinet on 16 <sup>th</sup> April.   |
| <b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b> | <p>CYP OSC on 14<sup>th</sup> April received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Carers – which looked at the age profile and numbers of young carers in County Durham, the support they receive and priorities for 2014/15.</li> <li>• Children, Young People and Families Plan Refresh – Members considered the refreshed plan and provided comment.</li> </ul> |

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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2014-15 and agreed to a further report coming to the next meeting of the committee in June.</li> </ul> |
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### Adults, Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWH OSC)

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| <b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>     | There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.  |
| <b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>       | AWBH OSC on 22 April 2014 considered: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the draft Quality Accounts for 2013/14 in respect of County Durham and Darlington NHS FT and Tees Esk and Wear Valleys NHS FT.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Overview reports/ Presentation</b> | AWBH OSC on 22 April 2014 received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Refresh of the Committee's Work programme for 2014/15.</li> </ul>   |

### 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**