

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

12th September 2014



Information update from the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To present to Members an information update of overview and scrutiny activity from April 2014 – September 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 April – September 2014 are as follows:

Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CIOSC)

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
Scrutiny Review Activity	CIOSC on 7 th July agreed during the refresh of the Work Programme that: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• MTFP 5 remains a priority for the committee• Sickness and appraisals is a further topic for future review.
Overview reports/ Presentations	CIOSC on 7 th July received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on the Council's use of powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Q4 2013/14• Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions Year End report• Creditor Payment Performance 2013/14• Refresh of the Committee's work programme 2014/15.

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	SSC OSC on 20 th June 2014 agreed to establish a small working group working with Officers on a service review of Drug Treatment Centres and undertake review activity on Organised Crime as its main topic.
Overview reports/ Presentations	SSC OSC on 20 th June 2014 received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drug Treatment Centres • Police and Crime Panel • Safe Durham Partnership Briefing • Refresh of the Work Programme 2014/15. • The Fire Risk and Impact of Hoarding on Households within County Durham.

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	E&E OSC on 23 rd June 2014 received an update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Empty Homes Scrutiny Review. <p>In addition, it was agreed that flexibility would be made available within the work programme for a topic for scrutiny review to be determined by the Chair and Vice-chair and then agreed subsequently by the committee.</p>
Overview reports/ Presentations	E&E OSC on 23 rd June 2014 received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the work of the County Durham Economic Partnership • Update on the Development of the Tourism offer within County Durham • Transport - Update on LTP3 and Transit 15 • Minutes of the County Durham Economic Partnership • Refresh of the Work Programme 2014/15.

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

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
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<p>Scrutiny Review Activity</p>	<p>Environment OSC on 3rd July received an update on the review of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of Renewable Technologies in County Durham. <p>Environment OSC on 11th July 2014 received the draft report on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flooding Scrutiny Review. <p>Environment OSC have agreed the next topic for focused scrutiny review will be the management of woodlands in County Durham managed by Durham County Council.</p>
<p>Overview reports/ Presentations</p>	<p>Environment OSC on 1st May received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tyne and Wear Aquifer Protection Scheme • Climate Change Strategy and Delivery Plan. <p>Environment OSC on 3rd July 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heart of Teesdale Landscape Partnership • Clean and Green Teams • Refresh of the Work Programme 2014/15.
<p>Visits</p>	<p>Environment OSC has undertaken the following visits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On the 14th July members visited 3 community woodland sites in County Durham - Harvey Wood at Cassop, Kingswood Local Nature Reserve at Quarrington Hill and Coxhoe Wood Local Nature Reserve at Coxhoe. • On the 8th September members visited the Heritage Coast which included an introduction to the Heritage Coast at Blackhall Rocks, management and priorities going forward at Crimdon, improvements funded by the lottery at Horden Denes, and viewing the marina at Seaham.

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

<p>Update on Previous Reviews</p>	<p>There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.</p>
<p>Scrutiny Review Activity</p>	<p>CYPS OSC on 27th June 2014 agreed Self Harm will be the next topic for scrutiny review activity.</p>
<p>Overview reports/ Presentations</p>	<p>CYP OSC on 27th June 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ofsted Single Inspection Framework for Children's Services • Local Authority Inspections: School Improvement • Local Safeguarding Children Board Annual Report • The Early Years Strategy • Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2014/15.

Adults, Well-being 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	The AWH OSC has received correspondence from NHS England, Durham, Darlington and Tees Area Team in respect of a consultation for the review of two APMS Contracts within County Durham affecting three GP practices. The response to the consultation is being undertaken outside of the scheduled AWH OSC meetings due to the consultation timeframes. As well as AWH OSC members, other councillors whose constituents are potentially affected by the proposals are also being engaged in this process.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>AWH OSC on 12th May 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Review of Urgent Care Services in North Durham• Draft Quality Accounts 2013/14. <p>AWH OSC on 30th June 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Emergency Medical and Critical Care Services – North Tees and Hartlepool NHS FT• North Durham CCG – Review of Urgent Care Services in North Durham• NHS and Public Reform• Quality Accounts 2014/15• Refresh of Work Programme 2014/15. <p>AWH OSC on 18th July 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bishop Auckland MLU• DDES CCG – Provision of Accident and Emergency Ambulance Services.

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

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