

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

20<sup>th</sup> October 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 12<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> October 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 12<sup>th</sup> September – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2014 are as follows:

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

<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 19 <sup>th</sup> September received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medium Term Financial Plan (5), Council Plan, Service Plans 2015/16 – 2017/18 and Review of the Council's Local Council Tax Reduction Scheme. This is the priority topic of review activity for CIOSC.</li></ul> Special CIOSC on 17 <sup>th</sup> October received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The final report of the Customer First Task and Finish Group.</li></ul>
<b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b>	CIOSC on 19 <sup>th</sup> September received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 - Annual Review of the Council's use of powers and Approval of RIPA Policy</li><li>• Fairness of Local Government Funding</li></ul>

	<p>Special CIOSC on 17<sup>th</sup> October received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions Quarter 1 Report 2014/15</li> <li>• CAS - Annual Representations Report 2013</li> </ul>
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### Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (SSC OSC)

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	<p>SSC on 16<sup>th</sup> September received a progress update on the recommendations of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Neighbourhood Wardens.</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<p>SSC on 16<sup>th</sup> September received verbal updates on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review of Substance Misuse Services</li> <li>• Review of Organised Crime.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>SSC OSC on 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Probation Service</li> <li>• County Durham Road Casualty Reduction Forum</li> <li>• Police and Crime Panel</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership Update.</li> </ul> <p>SSC OSC Members on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2014 attended:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A Crime Performance Workshop at the new Police HQ.</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 review work is on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tourism marketing.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>E&amp;E OSC on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gypsy, Roma and Traveller (GRT) Site Management Service overview</li> <li>• Family Intervention Project (FIP) and Housing Intervention Project (HIP)</li> <li>• Housing Stock Transfer Project update</li> <li>• Minutes of the County Durham Economic Partnership.</li> </ul> <p>Special Economy OSC on 6<sup>th</sup> October received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RED Capital Programme overview</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Masterplans update</li> <li>• County Durham Plan update</li> <li>• Durham Employment and Skills overview</li> </ul>
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**Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Environment OSC)**

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	Environment OSC on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October received an update on the recommendations of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing the Council's Carbon Emissions.</li> </ul>
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	Environment OSC review work is on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The management of the woodlands estate owned by DCC</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	Environment OSC on 2 <sup>nd</sup> October received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Quality Action Plan and Consultation Strategy update</li> <li>• Landscape Scale Projects overview</li> <li>• Waste Programme update</li> <li>• Minutes of the County Durham Environment Partnership Board.</li> </ul>

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

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	CYP OSC on 25 <sup>th</sup> September received the scoping report for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O/S review on Self-harm.</li> </ul> First Self-harm by Young People working group meeting 30 <sup>th</sup> September.
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	CYP OSC on 25 <sup>th</sup> September received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Centres Consultation</li> <li>• Healthy Weight Strategic Framework for County Durham</li> <li>• Summary of minutes from the Children and Families Partnership.</li> </ul> CYP OSC Members on 13 <sup>th</sup> October attended a site visit to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The multi-sensory room at Spennymoor Leisure Centre.</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.
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<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>AWH OSC on 29<sup>th</sup> September 2014 received report/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG – provision of Accident and Emergency Ambulance Services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Feedback from public engagement events</li> <li>○ Issues update arising from Special AWBH OSC on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2014</li> </ul> </li> <li>• County Durham and Darlington Local Dementia Strategy.</li> </ul> <p>Special AWH OSC on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2014 received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCT – Urgent Care strategy</li> <li>• Public Mental Health Strategy</li> <li>• Healthy Weight Strategy</li> <li>• County Durham HealthWatch Annual Report.</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**