

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

18 December 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 20th October – 18th December 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 20th October – 18th December 2014.

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 Members will have input into the MTFP 5 and budget process at meetings in January and February 2015.
Overview reports/ Presentations	CIOSC on 21 st November 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 – Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 - 2014/15• Review of Council Plan and Service Plans• Quarter 2 Forecast of Revenue and Capital Outturn 2014/15 (ACE and Resources)

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	<p>SSC on 28th October received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview and Scrutiny Review on Organised Crime – Draft scoping document. <p>Working group meetings on the review of Organised Crime took place on 18th November (National & Local Context), 24th November (Community Intelligence) and 9th December (Illegal Waste Sites).</p>
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>SSC OSC on 28th October 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Durham Tees Valley Community Rehabilitation Company • Safe Durham Partnership Reducing Re-offending Strategy 2014/17 • Update on the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 • Refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18 • Verbal update on the Police and Crime Panel • Safe Durham Partnership Briefing. <p>SSC OSC Special meeting on 13th November 2014 received a presentation and provided a response to County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service's Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2015/16 to 2017/18 Consultation.</p> <p>This meeting took place at the Fire Brigade HQ Belmont Business Park and provided SSC OSC Members the opportunity to visit the new premises.</p> <p>Following consideration of the 'ASB, Crime and Policing Act 2014, the Committee have made arrangements for a session on 12th December 2014 for all Members to receive information on this Act.</p>

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

Update on Previous Reviews	<p>E&E OSC on 15 December received a systematic update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increasing young people's employment opportunities (18-24) within County Durham.
Scrutiny Review Activity	<p>A Special E&E OSC on 5th December was held to receive a report and presentation focusing on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 18-24 age group looking at the destination of claimants when they come off Jobseekers Allowance, sanctions and challenges, unemployment rates and youth unemployment hotspots within the County. In addition, case studies giving examples of why young people find it difficult to obtain employment will be provided for discussion with representatives from FE Colleges, the Prince's

	Trust and various organisations in the voluntary sector who support young people into work.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>E&E OSC on 30th October 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Employment Initiative. • Business Durham Activity – Update. • EU Funding Update. <p>Special E&E OSC on 7th November received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance reporting of our housing providers: Durham City Homes, Dale and Valley Homes and East Durham Homes. <p>A Special E&E OSC on 15th December received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Stock Transfer. • Digital Durham. • Affordable Homes.

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
Scrutiny Review Activity	<p>Environment OSC on 10th November 2014 received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping report for Scrutiny review of the management of the woodland estate owned by DCC <p>Special Environment OSC on 17th November received reports/ presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the Woodlands Estate owned by DCC from the Landscape Team and the Forestry Commission. The presentation provided an overview of: National policy, local policy, partnership working including examples of projects, funding and work undertaken to generate income. <p>On 4 December 2014 members of the Scrutiny review group visited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunderland Bridge to see timber extraction taking place.
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>Environment OSC on 10th November received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of the work of the Community Action Team and the use of targeted interventions • Winter Maintenance Plan • Warm Up North • European Structural and Investment Funds – Low Carbon Economy

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limestone Landscape Programme • Minutes of the County Durham Environment Partnership Board • Minutes of the Durham Strategic Flood Prevention Group • Draft minutes of the Northumbria Regional Flood and Coast Committee <p>Special Environment OSC on 25th November received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Underground Coal Gasification (UCG)
Visit	<p>On 26 November 2014 Members of the Environment OSC visited:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freeman's Reach Durham to view the Archimedes Screw.

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

Update on Previous Reviews	<p>CYP OSC on 3rd November received a systematic update on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations on Support for Children and Young People with Mental Health Issues Review
Scrutiny Review Activity	<p>Working group meetings to discuss the CYP OSC review of Self-harm took place on: 24th October, 4th November, 10th November, 2nd December and 16th December a draft report will be brought back for the committee to consider prior to being presented to Cabinet. Evidence has been received from:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Health • Children's Care • Commissioners of Children's services • Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services • School Nurses • Young People from DISC Lesbian, Gay Bisexual and Transgender Group • Framwellgate School Durham • Educational Psychologists Team • North East Mental Health • Sunderland Pact (a parents' support group) <p>A draft report will be produced for consideration by the committee prior to being presented at Cabinet in Spring 2015.</p>
Overview reports/ Presentations	<p>CYP OSC on 3rd November received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact of smoking on Children and Young People • Update on School Funding Reforms • Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2013-14 • Summary of Minutes from Children and Families Partnership 22nd September 2014.

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

<i>Update on Previous Reviews</i>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i>	There is no scrutiny review activity to report for this period.
<i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i>	<p>AWH OSC on 6th November 2014 received report/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Quality Accounts 2013/14 - Progress against 2014/15 priorities • Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report 2013-14 <p>Special AWH OSC on 8th December 2014 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS England Durham Darlington and Tees Area Team – Review of APMS Contracts in County Durham • Breast Services Update – County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust • Care Act 2014 • Wellbeing for Life Services • National Mental Health Strategy – “No Health without Mental Health” – County Durham Implementation plan

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