

# Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

13 February 2015



## 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 19 December 2014 to 23 January 2015.

#### 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 19 December 2014 to 23 January 2015.

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

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	CIOSC on 23 January 2015 received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Medium Term Financial Plan<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➢ Medium Term Financial Plan Reports</li><li>➢ Council Plan and Service Plans 2015/16-2017/18 and Council Tax Base for 2015/16.</li><li>➢ Medium Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18 (MTFP5) and 2015/16 Budget</li></ul></li><li>• Quarter 2 2014/15 Performance Management Report</li><li>• Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions Quarter 2 Report 2014/15</li></ul>

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

<b>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<p>Organised Crime – Working Group meeting held on 29th January to receive information on the risk to the Council and development of Local Profile document.</p> <p>20 mph – Following the Cabinet report in December, Cllr Boyes chair of SSC OSC is to lead a scrutiny working group on development of proposed schemes within the Cabinet report.</p>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>SSC OSC on 6 January 2015 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update Report on Domestic Abuse Service Developments in 2014</li> <li>• Safe Durham Partnership - Refresh of the Safe Durham Partnership Plan 2015/18</li> <li>• Multi-Agency Interventions Project – Update</li> <li>• Quarter 2 2014/15 Performance Management Report</li> <li>• Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans</li> <li>• Overview and Scrutiny Review of Organised Crime – Verbal update</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>Update on Previous Reviews</b>	E&E OSC on 8 January received an update on recommendations from Members' Reference Group Report - 'Looking at the impact of changes in Government funding and policy on the economy of County Durham.
<b>Scrutiny Review Activity</b>	<p>Special Economy and Enterprise OSC on 28 January received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scoping report for review of tourism marketing delivered by Visit County Durham.</li> <li>• Presentation by the Chief Executive of Visit County Durham providing information in relation to tourism generally within County Durham with detail of comparisons on a regional and national basis together with an overview of the role and responsibilities of VCD.</li> </ul>
<b>Overview reports/ Presentations</b>	<p>E&amp;E OSC on 8 January 2015 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Quarter 2, 2014/15 Revenue and Capital Outturn</li> <li>• Housing Strategy – Overview</li> <li>• Durham Key Options – Update</li> <li>• Quarter 2, 2014/15 Performance Management Report</li> <li>• Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans minutes of the County Durham Economic Partnership meeting held on 3 November 2014</li> </ul>

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

<p><b><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></b></p>	<p>An update on the progress of the recommendations of the Flooding scrutiny review was considered at a special meeting of the Committee on 4 February 2015</p>
<p><b><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></b></p>	<p>Meeting of the Woodland Management Scrutiny review group on 5 January, 2015 received presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The management of community woodland within County Durham by the Countryside Service of DCC.</li> <li>• Detail of community woodland within the County managed by local groups.</li> <li>• The work undertaken by Durham Wildlife Trust in managing woodland.</li> <li>•</li> </ul> <p>Meeting of the Woodland Management Scrutiny review group on the 2 February received a presentation on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Management of the woodland estate by DCC, detail of the management structure, current restructuring programme and issues in relation to woodland management</li> </ul>
<p><b><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></b></p>	<p>Environment OSC on 20 January 2015 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Environment Improvement Campaigns / Projects. Presentation by Oliver Sherratt and Ian Hault regarding fly tipping, dog fouling, open space improvement and school activities.</li> <li>• Quarter 2 2014/2015 Forecast Outturn Report.</li> <li>• Quarter 2 2014/2015 Performance Management Report.</li> <li>• Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans.</li> <li>• Verbal Update on EU Funding Programme 2014-2020.</li> <li>• Verbal Update on Woodlands Project.</li> <li>• Minutes of the County Durham Environment Partnership Board held on 23 September 2014.</li> </ul> <p>Special Environment OSC on 4 February received presentations from the Risk Management Authorities for County Durham on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood mitigation work currently being undertaken within County Durham.</li> <li>• Future flood mitigation work to be undertaken and detail of funding.</li> <li>• Any issues identified in relation to flood mitigation schemes/ projects within the County.</li> </ul>

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

<b><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></b>	An update on the progress of the recommendations of the Alcohol and substance misuse by young people review will be presented at CYP OSC on 24 February.
<b><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></b>	Work is continuing on the self-harm by young people review.
<b><i>Overview reports/Presentations</i></b>	<p>CYP OSC on 12 January 2015 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wellbeing for Life. Report and presentation</li> <li>• Refresh of JSNA and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. Report and presentation</li> <li>• Safeguarding Framework</li> <li>• Children, Young People and Families Plan. Report and presentation</li> <li>• Quarter 2 2014/15 Budget Outturn Forecast</li> <li>• Quarter 2 2014/15 Performance Management</li> <li>• Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans</li> <li>• Verbal Update on Review of Self Harm by Young People</li> </ul>

## Adults, Well-being and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (AWH 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>	
<b><i>Overview reports/Presentations</i></b>	<p>AWH OSC on 16 January 2015 received report/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG Review of A&amp;E Ambulance Services – Terms of Reference for Clinical Senate Review</li> <li>• Bishop Auckland Hospital Midwife-led Maternity Unit - Report and update by Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG</li> <li>• Breast Services Update</li> <li>• Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy and Joint Strategic Needs Assessment refresh</li> <li>• Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report</li> <li>• 2014/15 Quarter 2 Performance Management Report</li> <li>• Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans</li> <li>• Forecast of Revenue Outturn Quarter 2, 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**