

Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

20 March 2015



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 26 January 2015 to 6 March 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 26 January 2015 to 6 March 2015.

Corporate Issues Overview and Scrutiny Committee (CIOSC)

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| <i>Update on Previous Reviews</i> | There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period. |
| <i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i> | MTEFP and Savings process – comments from the Overview and Scrutiny Members were fed back to Cabinet and Council by the chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board |
| <i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i> | The scheduled CIOSC for 9 March 2015 was cancelled however committee members were invited to attend OSMB on 13 February 2015 to receive the report on the General Fund Medium Term Financial Plan, 2015/16 to 2017/18 and Revenue and Capital Budget 2015/16 |

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

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| Update on Previous Reviews | There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period. |
| Scrutiny Review Activity | Organised Crime – Working Group meeting held on 29th January to receive information on the risk to the Council and development of Local Profile document. |
| Overview reports/ Presentations | SSC OSC on 16 February 2015 received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress of Initiatives and Enforcement Activity undertaken by the Consumer Protection Team • Alcohol Harm Reduction – Strategy Consultation and Update • Draft safe Durham partnership plan 2015/18 • Verbal updates on Organised Crime, 20mph Zones and Limits and Substance misuse Treatment Centres • Police and Crime Panel • Safe Durham Partnership Update |

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

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| Update on Previous Reviews | There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period. |
| Scrutiny Review Activity | Special Economy and Enterprise OSC on 28 January received: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scoping report for review of tourism marketing delivered by Visit County Durham. • 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. <p>The Tourism Working Group met on 17 February and received a presentation on the role and performance of VCD in marketing the County as a tourism destination.</p> |
| Overview reports/ Presentations | E&E OSC on 20 February 2015 received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing Stock Transfer update • EU funding programme update • Skills development in County Durham update • Combined Authority update |

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

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| <p><i>Update on Previous Reviews</i></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><i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i></p> | <p>The Woodland Management Scrutiny review group has held two meetings on 2 February and 6 March and has received information on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of the woodland estate by DCC, detail of the management structure, current restructuring programme and issues in relation to woodland management • European funding opportunities, biofuels and wood fuel supply chains and DCC estate and managing woodlands and biofuel projects in the private sector. |
| <p><i>Overview reports/ Presentations</i></p> | <p>Environment OSC on 5 March 2015 received reports/presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Nature Partnerships • Delivery of Clean Bus Technology • Update on the waste programme • Climate Change Delivery Plan • Update on Management of the Woodland Estate • Minutes from the Durham Strategic Flood Group <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"> • Flood mitigation work currently being undertaken within County Durham. • Future flood mitigation work to be undertaken and detail of funding. • Any issues identified in relation to flood mitigation schemes/ projects within the County. |

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

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| <i>Update on Previous Reviews</i> | An update on the progress of the recommendations of the alcohol and substance misuse by young people review was presented at CYP OSC on 24 February. |
| <i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i> | Work is continuing on the self-harm by young people review. |
| <i>Overview reports/Presentations</i> | CYP OSC on 24 February 2015 received reports/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LSCB Serious Case Review Progress • Special Education Needs and Disabilities Reforms • Verbal update on Review of Self Harm • Children, Young Peoples and Families Partnership minutes summary |

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

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| <i>Update on Previous Reviews</i> | There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period. |
| <i>Scrutiny Review Activity</i> | |
| <i>Overview reports/Presentations</i> | AWH OSC on 2 March 2015 received report/presentations on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust – Emerging Clinical Strategy • Five Year Forward View – Report and presentation by North Durham CCG and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG • Planning progress update and Draft Commissioning Intentions for 2015/16 – Report and presentation by North Durham CCG and Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG • Cardiovascular disease (CVD) prevention strategic framework for County Durham • Pharmaceutical Needs Assessment |

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