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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 December 2015 – February 2016.

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 December 2015 to February 2016.

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	The first meeting of the light touch review on the Customer Relationship Management System (CRMS) took place on 14 th January 2016 and received presentations from the provider of the new system and the Head of Projects and Business Service, Neighbourhood Services.
Overview reports/ Presentations	 CIOSC OSC on 26th January 2016 received reports and presentations on: Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 – Q3 Medium Term Financial Plan (6) 2016/17-2019/20 and 2016/17 Budget Update Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans Customer Feedback: Complaints, Compliments and Suggestions 2015/16 – Q2

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

There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
The Working Group looking at Alcohol and implications on the Emergency Services held two meetings:
 21st January 2016 to consider: An Overview Session covering the Altogether Safer objective of Safe Durham Partnership Alcohol harm Reduction Strategy, findings from a cumulative impact assessment and supporting information on research publications relating to the review topic.
 9th February 2016 to consider: Impact of Alcohol on demand for Police and Fire Services within the County
 The 20mph Review Group met on 25th January 2016 to consider: A service response to comments from the Working Group on a new 20mph limit/zone policy An update on implementation of Phase 1 schemes
 SSC OSC on 5 February 2016 received reports and presentations on: Consultation on County Durham & Darlington Fire & Rescue Service Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) 2016/17 Consumer Protection Enforcement Activity Council Plan and Performance Indicator Setting 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny review updates Police and Crime Panel.

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

Update on Previous Reviews	A Special Economy and Enterprise OSC on 21 st December 2015 received:
	 An update on the recommendations of the Member's Reference Group - Impact of public sector funding and policy changes on the economy of County Durham
Scrutiny Review Activity	A meeting of the Skills Development Working Group held two meetings:
	 28th January 2016 to consider: Key local strategies and policies to support skills development, funding including changes as a result of the Comprehensive Spending Review, the role of the RED Service Grouping in supporting skills development, detail of how the Council engages internally and externally with

	 partners, any relevant projects/initiatives and skills performance information. 2nd February 2016 to consider: The work of AAPs to support skills development within the County with detail provided from the 3 Towns AAP, Derwent Valley AAP and East Durham AAP. Role of the CAS Service Grouping in supporting skills development within the County, including work on the Youth Employment Initiative.
Overview reports/ Presentations	 A special meeting of the Economy and Enterprise OSC on 21st December 2015 received reports and presentations on: Welfare Reform – Draft County Durham Poverty Action Plan – Overview including detail of consultation Regeneration Statement - update Business Durham - update Economy and Enterprise OSC on 8th January received reports and presentations on: Housing Strategy – update Review of Council Plan and Service Plans Minutes of the County Durham Economic Partnership Meeting held on 3 November, 2015

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	There is no review activity to report for this period
Overview reports/ Presentations	Environment OSC on 22 nd January 2015 received reports and presentations on:
Fresentations	 Rural and isolated bins collection – consultation Contaminated Land and Inspection Strategy Review of Council Plans and Service Plans Minutes of the County Durham Environment Partnership Board A Special meeting of the Environment OSC on 8th February will receive reports and presentations on: Flooding – engagement with Risk Management authorities.

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

Update on Previous Reviews	There are no systematic reviews to report on for this period.
Scrutiny Review Activity	Take up of free school meals and holiday hunger – the scoping document was presented to a Special meeting of CYP OSC on 3 rd February 2016.
Overview reports/	CYP OSC on 11 th January received reports and presentations on:
Presentations	 Multi Agency Safeguarding Hubs Refresh of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2016-19 Refresh of the Children, Young People and Families Plan 2016-19 Durham Local Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report Review of the Council Plan and Service Plans Summary of Children and Family Partnership Minutes A Special CYP OSC meeting on 3rd February received reports and presentations on: Update on the impact of smoking and children and young people Update on Wellbeing for Life Scoping document for the review of Take up of free school meals and holiday hunger.

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	
Overview reports/ Presentations	A Special AWH OSC on 14 December 2015 received pre-consultation information on:
	The Proposed reconfiguration of Organic Inpatient Wards serving County Durham and Darlington
	AWH OSC on 19 th January 2016 received reports and presentations on:
	 Durham Dales, Easington and Sedgefield CCG – Review of Urgent Care Services
	 NHS England and DDES CCG – Review of Alternative Provider Medical Services (APMS) Contract – Easington Healthworks Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP) Action Plan 2016/17 Consultation in County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service
	Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy RefreshReview of the Council Plan and Service Plans

		The AWH OSC has responded to the consultation documents in respect of Urgent Care Services, IRMP and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy.
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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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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