

# **Report of the Chair of Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee**

**19 July 2018**

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing order 8.3 (m) to update Council on scrutiny work and to set out any recommendations such as may be made to Council in relation to that work. It includes, at Annex 1, the Annual Scrutiny Report 2017-18 which was approved by CSMC in June 2018. The recommendation from CSMC in respect of the Annual Report is attached at Annex 2.

## **Finance and Performance**

2. Since the last report to Council on 22 March 2018, the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), and the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee have both received their End of Year Finance and Performance Monitoring Reports. CSMC also received their 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Monitoring Report at a re-arranged meeting in April 2018. The Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee are due to consider their End of Year Reports later this month. Finance and Performance reports are not within the remit of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

## **Attendance of Executive Members**

3. The Executive Leader (Finance and Performance) attended the June meeting of CSMC to outline to Members his priorities and challenges for 2018-19; the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee welcomed the Executive Member for Education, Children & Young People to their meeting in June and the Executive Members for Culture Leisure and Tourism and Community Engagement to a meeting earlier this month. The Executive Member for Economic Development and Community Engagement attended meetings of both the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee in June while the Executive Members for Transport and Planning and for Environment attended a meeting of the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee earlier this month. Those same two Executive Members are due to attend a meeting of the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee later this month. Finally, the Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods attended a

meeting of the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee in June and the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care is due to attend a meeting of the same committee later this month.

### **Pre-Decision Call-Ins**

4. CSMC has considered one Pre-Decision Call-in since the last report to Council. In April, the Committee considered the removal of Parliament Street Fountain and St Sampson's Square toilets and agreed there were no grounds to make any specific recommendations prior to a decision being made by the Executive Member for Transport and Planning.
5. The Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee has considered two Pre-decision Call-Ins. In May the Committee considered a Review of Play, Policy, Playground Investment and Maintenance and in June the Arboricultural Policy for the Management of Public Trees and Woodlands. In both cases Members resolved that comments and recommendations made at the meeting be passed on to the Executive Member for consideration prior to a decision being taken.

### **Post-Decision Call-Ins**

6. In April CSMC considered the called-in item – Review of the Evidence Base Supporting the Case for the Extension of Licensing of Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMO) across the city. The Committee decided that there were no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive and the original decision was confirmed.

## **Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee**

### Petitions

7. At each of its meetings, this Committee continues to receive its standing report on Council petitions providing details of new petitions received by the Council and the appropriate course of action.

### Scrutiny Work

8. The Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee has met three times since the last report to Council. The March meeting of CSMC was deferred due to business scheduled for the meeting not being available on time, but in April the Committee considered a further

update report on Section 106 Agreements, including the implementation of the planning mitigation measures secured by these agreements.

9. In June the Committee received an update on the implementation of the changes to the Council's Scrutiny Committee structure and agreed to form a Task Group to review how the scrutiny function moves forward for the next administration. Members also considered a six-monthly review of the One Planet York Strategy, a report on the Corporate Approach to Social Values and endorsed the Draft Annual Scrutiny Report.
10. In July Members considered an Update Report on the Implementation of Recommendations from the Electoral Arrangements Scrutiny Review and an Update Report on the Attendance and Wellbeing Project (Sickness Absence). They also received a presentation on Delivery of the ICT Strategy.

### **Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

11. The Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee has held four meetings since the last report to Council. In March the Committee received a report from York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on the results of its latest Care Quality Commission inspection and a report on the increased number of mental health crisis calls being handled by North Yorkshire Police. The committee also received representatives from the Priory Medical Group over proposals to relocate three GP practices to the proposed Burnholme Health Centre.
12. In April Members considered an Update Report on the Homeless Strategy and a report on actions against Community Safety Plan Targets, while in May the Committee considered the Homeless Strategy Annual Review and the six-monthly performance update from Healthwatch York.
13. In June Members were presented with the full business case for the new mental health hospital in York and its progress to date and considered a report on Patient Transport Services for York. They also received representatives from Unity Health over difficulties patients are facing contacting the practice. Finally, the Committee considered a Scoping Report on Commissioned Substance Misuse Services and formed a Task Group to undertake a scrutiny examination.
14. Since the restructure of scrutiny committees to align with directorates and the addition of housing matters to this Committee's work load, a number of reports previously considered at meetings of the former Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee are now

dealt with via email and are only brought to Committee if Members raise any concerns.

### **Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee**

15. This Committee has met four times since the last report to Council. In March they welcomed the Chair of York@Large, who reported on the work of the organisation since April 2017, and considered Bi-Annual Update Reports from York Safeguarding Board and from York Learning Services. Members also received a presentation on Library Consultation.
16. In May the Committee received the Bi-Annual Report from Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Ltd, including a Comprehensive Statement of Need, the Annual Report and Review of York Schools' Agreed Syllabus from SACRE (Standing Advisory Committee on RE), and the Annual Report from Make It York.
17. In June the Committee received Bi-Annual Update Reports from York Theatre Royal and on the Service Level Agreement from York CVS. Members also received an Update Report on the impact on schools in York following the introduction of Universal Infant Free School Meals.
18. Finally, in July Members considered Bi-Annual Update Reports on York Museums Trust's Partnership Delivery Plan and on Safeguarding and Looked After Children and an Update Report on the Development of a Cultural Strategy for York.

### **Economy and Place Policy Development Committee**

19. Since the last report to Council, this Committee has met three times. In March Members considered a report on the Council's Asset Management Strategy and received a presentation on CYC's current Cycling Strategy and Requirements for a Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan. They also considered a Briefing Update on York's Creative Industries Sector.
20. In June the Committee received an Update Report on the city's Draft Creative Industries Strategy and a Feasibility Report on a Resident Parking scrutiny topic while in July they received a presentation on the Progress of the Economic Strategy and an update of the Local Industrial Strategy.
21. In addition the Committee has held two informal meetings to discuss the renewal of the Council's contract with make It York.

## **Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee**

22. This committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In May the Committee considered their Bi-Annual Update Report from the Managing Director of Make It York and an Update Report from the Executive Director of York Business Improvement District (BID).
23. In June the Committee received a presentation on the implementation of the current Economic Strategy and an Update Report on the Effectiveness of Green Waste Collections.

## **Report Recommendation**

24. Members are recommended to:
  - i. Note this report;
  - ii Approve/endorse the Annual Report attached at Annex 1, in line with the recommendation of CSMC from its meeting on 11 June, as shown in Annex 2.

Reason: To comply with the Council's constitutional requirements

## **Annexes:**

Annex 1 - Annual Scrutiny Report 2017-18

Annex 2 - Part B minute from the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee meeting held on 11 June 2018.