

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

**13 December 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.

## **Finance and Performance**

2. Since the last report to Council on 25 October 2018, neither the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, the Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee, the Economy & Place Scrutiny Committee nor the Children, Education & Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee have considered any Finance and Performance Monitoring Report. All these Committees will consider their 2nd Quarter Reports in January. Finance and Performance Reports are not within the remit of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

## **Attendance of Executive Members**

3. No Executive Members have attended any scrutiny committee meetings since the last report to Council in October.

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

4. In early November 2018 the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee considered a pre-decision call-in of Fossgate Public Realm Improvements. Comments and recommendations made by the committee were sent to the Executive Member for Transport and Planning for consideration during a Decision Session on 15 November 2018.

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

5. The Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee has considered one Called-In item since the last report to Council. In early November Members considered the Called-In Item: Attendance Management and Wellbeing. Although the Committee decided that there were no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive and the original decision was confirmed, the Committee requested a

further report following the procurement process given that Members were keen to ensure improvements embedded as soon as possible.

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

### Petitions

6. 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

7. The Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In November Members received an update report on Section 106 Agreements and approved the Annual Scrutiny Budget. They also considered an update report on the Financial Inclusion Scrutiny Review and agreed that a Motion to Council around food poverty be included in the remit for the review.

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

8. The Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In November the Committee was given an update on the Mental Health Support Line services offered in York. Members received a summary of the initial findings from an engagement exercise with local people by Home First. The Committee heard from Healthwatch York as they submitted their bi-annual performance monitoring report. The Committee also received a Suicide Prevention and Self-harm Overview Report, and an update report on oral health in the city and heard about the aims and the work so far of the Oral Health Improvement Advisory Group (OHIAG).

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

9. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In November the Committee welcomed representatives of the Youth Council, who updated the Committee on the results of a Youth Survey which highlighted the priorities for young people. The Committee received its Safeguarding Board Bi-annual update report, highlighting the new safeguarding partnership arrangements to take the place of the Local Safeguarding Children Board. Members noted the bi-annual update report from York Theatre Royal and considered a School Improvement and Ofsted Update report on the performance of schools in

York as well as an update on academisation in York and School place planning. The Committee also considered a Feasibility Report on Resident Involvement, and Members decided that no review will take place this municipal year, but requested Officers produce a report based on the Topic request for the March meeting for the Committee to note for future reference. Members were also asked to input into the Cultural Strategy and its key priorities.

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

10. Since the last report to Council, this Committee has met once. In November the Committee received an update report on the Development of a Community Asset Strategy for York and a scoping report for a scrutiny review of the Residents' Parking Scheme. Members also considered a briefing paper on changes to Local Enterprise Partnership geographies and how these changes could affect York.

### **Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee**

11. This Committee has also met once since the last report to Council. Since July the Committee has been working on a full-committee scrutiny review into the Economic Health of York City Centre. In November, having previously established an evidence base for the review, Members met representatives from key city stakeholders including Make It York, York Business Improvement District, Indie York, York Food Festival and York Retail Forum to hear their ambitions and concerns and gather further information.

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