

Scrutiny Report to Council March 2014

Report of the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee, in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing Order 4.3(l) to update Council on scrutiny work and to set out any recommendations such as may be made to Council in relation to that work.

Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC)

Call-ins

2. Since the last report of this kind in December 2013, there have been no call-ins.

Finance & Performance Monitoring

3. Since the last meeting of Council, CSMC and each of the standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees has received second and third quarter finance and performance monitoring reports.

CSMC Reviews

4. In January 2014 the CSMC received a bi-annual Workforce Strategy 2012-15 monitoring report, a scrutiny support budget monitoring report and an update on CYC's Procurement Strategy. They also signed off their completed review on CYC Loans and Grants, which has since been presented to Cabinet.
5. At a meeting in early March, the CSMC met again and received the final reports and recommendations arising from the work of three of the standing scrutiny committees – Health, Economic & City Development and Community Safety – carried out in support of the Night Time Economy Corporate Scrutiny Review.
6. During the current municipal year each of the four Overview & Scrutiny Committees has been working on their individual Night-Time Economy (NTE) scrutiny review in support of this corporate review. Each of three of the Committees presented their final reports and recommendations to CSMC for assessment and CSMC set up a small Task Group to start

amalgamating the findings and identify some overarching recommendations. The final report from Learning & Culture is due to be presented to CSMC in early April 2014.

7. In addition, work is ongoing on CSMC's Equalities Review. The Task Group set up to carry out the review on their behalf, plan to meet with a number of representatives from York's BME Communities of Identity in the near future.

Standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees

7. Alongside working on their contribution to the corporate NTE review, each of the four Overview & Scrutiny Committees has continued its work in support of its agreed annual workplan.
8. **Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee** - In January 2014 the Committee received an update on the Community Safety arrangements across the North Yorkshire Region and CYC's Police & Crime Panel representatives attended to provide an update on the work of the Panel. The Committee also received a Bi-Annual Performance Report from Safer York Partnership, and an implementation update on the approved recommendations arising from their previously completed Community Resilience Scrutiny Review. Finally the Committee received a verbal update of the development of CYC's Tethered Horses Policy.
9. In March 2014 the Committee received a presentation from the Probation Service on their work in support of the Safer York Partnership, and an update on CYC's Winter Maintenance programme. In addition they met with the Police & Crime Commissioner to hear about her priorities within the Police & Crime Plan and her aspirations for the future. They also received an update from the Cabinet Member for Crime and Stronger Communities on progress against her priorities and challenges for 2013/14.
10. Work is still ongoing on the committee's Domestic Waste Task Group Review, and the A-Boards Task Group Review is in its final stages, having held a public consultation event in late January 2014.
11. **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met twice since the last meeting of Full Council. In January 2014 the Committee received a Service Level Agreement Performance Bi-annual Update Report from York Theatre Royal, together with a Bi-annual progress report on Safeguarding & Looked After Children.
12. In March the Cabinet Member for Education, Children & Young People's Services attended to provide an update on her priorities and challenges

for 2013/14 & her priorities for the year ahead. The Committee also met with the Chair of Learning City. In addition, the Committee received a Safeguarding Update regarding the outcome from a Section 11 Audit Regional Challenge Event. They also considered the draft final report arising from their School Meals Review. This is due to be presented to Cabinet in May 2014.

13. **Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee** - In January 2013 the Committee considered an interim report on their Construction Skills Scrutiny Review and three implementation update reports on three previously completed scrutiny reviews into Youth Unemployment, E-Planning Facilities, and External Funding including an overview of the Economic Strategy and its targets.
13. In addition, Members agreed to carry out a scrutiny review into online business / ecommerce, and heard an update report on the Lendal Bridge trial.
14. The committee met again on 25 March to approve the draft final report from their Construction Skills Scrutiny Review. They also received an update on their ongoing online business / e-commerce review, six monthly update reports on major transport initiatives and major developments within the city, and a further update on the implementation of recommendations from their previous Out of Hours Childcare Scrutiny Review. Finally, they considered briefing papers on three potential review topics for the coming municipal year on Universal Credit, bulk buying of energy, and high value jobs.
15. **Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – has met four times since the last report to Council. In December 2013 the Committee received a presentation by the Quality Care Commission on changes to the way they inspect and regulate care services and heard from key partners about how they work with other partners and how they put together their annual plan. They also agreed to defer their Men’s Health Scrutiny Review until the next municipal year.
16. In January 2014 Members considered a report on the relationship between Health OSC and the Health & Wellbeing Board and how they work together.
17. In February Members received a presentation by the Clinical Commissioning Group on their commissioning plans for Community Services and Out of Hours GP Services, and a report on the implementation of recommendations arising from their previous ‘End of Life Care’ Scrutiny Review.

18. In March the Committee received update reports on the introduction of NHS 111 Services, the Francis Report, and how additional winter pressures funding had been allocated.

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