

Scrutiny Report to Council

11 December 2014

Report of the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC), 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.

Finance & Performance Monitoring

2. The Second Quarter Finance & Performance Monitoring reports which had been scheduled to go to CSMC and the four standing scrutiny committees in November will now be presented during the round of meetings in January.

Attendance of Cabinet Members

3. The Cabinet Member for Homes and Safer Communities attended a meeting of Community Safety OSC on 5 November 2014 and Economic and City OSC on 12 November 2014 to provide Members with an update on the priorities and challenges within her portfolio area during the municipal year.

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Call-ins

4. Since the last report to Council in October there has been just one call-in – Rewiring of Public Services: Business Case for Children's Services in relation to the Castlegate service.
5. The decisions of Cabinet were referred back for further consideration at a Cabinet Call-In meeting on 25 November 2014. This included a recommendation that Cabinet should withdraw the proposal and delay the closure of Castlegate in order to allow time for Officers to bring forward a report detailing all options.
6. As Chair of CSMC I attended the Cabinet (Call-In) meeting to present the above recommendation and to answer questions in relation to the Committee's decision. Cabinet subsequently agreed to ask Officers to

re-examine the Castlegate proposals. This included agreement to undertake further consultation with services users and partners, consideration of options (including possible alternative delivery methods by the Castlegate team) by a cross party group and the YorOk Board, with a report back to Cabinet in February 2015.

Petitions

7. CSMC received a report on Council Petitions which provided details of the new arrangements agreed by Council in October 2014 for dealing with petitions received by the Authority. It set out CSMC's role in those new arrangements and provided a list of all the petitions received by the Council since the new arrangements were put in place. CSMC will receive such a report at each of its future meetings and will be asked to consider an appropriate course of action for each petition.

Overview & Review Work

8. Since the full Council meeting in October 2014 CSMC has met once. In November they received the Draft Equalities Plan: A Fairer York which identified four priorities to improve outcomes for York's Communities of Identity. As part of their management role CSMC agreed each of the overview and scrutiny committees would receive quarterly updates as part of their future quarterly finance and performance monitoring reports. At the same meeting CSMC signed off the Draft Final Report of its Equalities Review. The Committee received a third update report on the implementation of recommendations from the previously completed Engaging Communities Scrutiny Review. As a result of information from the standing overview and scrutiny committees, CSMC reluctantly agreed to abandon the corporate scrutiny review around Supporting Older People.

Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee

9. The Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In early November the Committee was given a presentation about Changes in the Probation Service which provided an update on transforming rehabilitation. It considered the status of the implementation of the recommendations from the previously completed Community Resilience Scrutiny Review and a report reviewing the first six months of the Horse Bailiff Scheme. The Committee also received a verbal update on the progress of the A-Boards Scrutiny Review.

Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee

10. Learning & Culture OSC has met once since the last report to Council. In November the Committee received a Performance Update 2014/15 of the York Museums Trust Delivery Plan which provided members with information on the progress towards meeting the targets agreed in the Partnership Delivery Plan and an update on the implementation of the approved recommendations arising from the previously completed York Museums Trust Scrutiny Review. The Committee received its first update report on the performance of Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Ltd (Explore) for the first six months of 2014/15 and a report providing information about school performances in 2014 and the position of schools according to Ofsted judgements as of 4 November 2014. The Committee agreed to carry out two further reviews during the current municipal year, one around narrowing the gap in attainment in York and the other on the Tour de France. Finally they considered an update report on the membership of the Entrepreneurship Scrutiny Review Task Group in light of changes to the composition of the Learning and Culture OSC made at an Extraordinary Council meeting on 23 October 2014.

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

11. The Health OSC has met twice since the last report to the Council. On 15 October the Committee received the annual report of the Chief Executive of Leeds and York Partnership NHS Foundation Trust which set out the key areas of service development in the last year and the areas for focus on further improvements in the coming months. There was a report on the merger between York Medical Group and the surgery at 32 Clifton practices which provided Members with background and an outline of the consultation process around the merger. In addition there were update reports on the implications of Deprivation of Liberties Safeguards highlighting the financial impact on City of York Council as a result of new legislative requirements and on the budgetary decision to remove the lunchtime meal service for sheltered housing residents. The Committee also heard a verbal update of the progress of the Supporting Older People Scrutiny review.
12. On 26 November the Committee received the six-monthly Residential, Nursing and Homecare Services Quality Standards monitoring report which included details of the Care Quality Commission's new approach to the regulation and inspection of care homes. Members received a report informing them of the decision by Monitor to close

the investigation into breaches of the four-hour emergency access and cancer targets at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust and an update report by the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board as part of the working protocol between Health OSC and the Board. The Committee also received an update report on the situation regarding the Castlegate Centre and a report from NHS England providing details of proposals to merge Jorvik Medical Practice with Gillygate Surgery. In addition the Committee considered a report updating Members on the progress of Healthwatch York in delivering the services set out in the contract with the Council and an update report on the membership of the Supporting Older People Task Group.

Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECDOSC)

13. ECDOSC has met once since the last report to Council. In November the Committee discussed a scoping report on a proposal for a scrutiny review of the Lendal Bridge closure but voted not to progress the review. Members also discussed an update report on the membership of Supporting Older People Task Group and also voted not to progress this review. A draft final report into the Higher Value Jobs Scrutiny Review was sent back to the Task Group for clarification of one of the recommendations and for additional information regarding Science City York. The Committee also considered an update report on the work of YorCity Construction including the implementation of recommendations from the previously completed Construction Skills Scrutiny Review, an update report on the ongoing work across CYC and the city to help mitigate against climate change, fuel poverty and rising fuel bills and the regular update report on York's Economic Dashboard which provides information on job creation and economic growth in the city.

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