

Scrutiny Report to Council

26 March 2015

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.

Finance & Performance Monitoring

2. All four standing scrutiny committees have received second and third Quarter Finance & Performance Monitoring reports since the last report to Council.

Attendance of Cabinet Members

3. The Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning and Economic Development attended the 8 January ECDOSC meeting to present a report on the transport element of his portfolio and again attended the 11 March meeting to present his report on economic development. The Cabinet Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism also attended the 11 March meeting to report on Shambles Market and answer questions on the Tour de France.
4. The Cabinet Members for Education, Children and Young People's Services and Culture, Leisure and Tourism both attended the 18 March meeting of the Learning and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee to provide an update on their priorities and challenges for 2014/15.

Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC)

Call-ins

5. Since the last report to Council in December 2014 there have been four call-ins.

- Jockey Lane Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme
- York Guildhall and Riverside creating a Digital Media and Arts Centre
- A Congestion Committee for York
- The Council's Housing for Older People Programme

6. The Jockey Lane Pedestrian and Cycle Improvement Scheme was referred back to Cabinet with a recommendation that Cabinet considers the issues raised by the Calling-In Members, in relation to the Jockey Lane scheme, as part of the wider Community Stadium project. Cabinet reconsidered their decision on 27 January 2015 and agreed that the Cabinet Member's original decision should be reconsidered to take into account scrutiny's views. In the meantime, the Director of City and Environmental Services would undertake further work to take into account those views and report back to a future Cabinet Member Decision Making Session.
7. In the case of York Guildhall and Riverside creating a Digital Media and Arts Centre, it was decided that there were no grounds to refer this decision back to Cabinet and the decision was confirmed.
8. The Congestion Committee for York was referred back to Cabinet with a recommendation that Cabinet deferred any consideration of the setting up of a Congestion Commission until after the local election in May 2015. Cabinet reconsidered their decision on 3 March 2015 and re-confirmed their original decision to proceed with establishing a Congestion Commission at this time.
9. Regarding the Council's Housing for Older People Programme, it was decided there were no grounds to refer this decision back and the decision was confirmed.

Petitions

10. At each of its meetings, CSMC continues to receive its standing report on Council Petitions providing details of new petitions received by the Council and the appropriate course of action in each case.

Overview & Review Work

11. Since the full Council meeting in December 2014 CSMC has met once. In January 2015 they received a report on the Scrutiny Review Support Budget for consideration as part of the Council's budget setting process for 2015/16, and a report setting out an overview of current procurement activity across the Council. They also considered a Feasibility Report into a proposed scrutiny review of Yearsley Swimming Pool and agreed to set up an Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee to carry out the review.
12. The Ad-hoc Committee has since met twice. Once in February to consider and agree the aim and objectives for the review, together with a timetable to complete the review, and again on 16 March to hold a public consultation event at the 69 Youth and Community Centre in Monkton Road.

Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee

13. The Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In January the Committee received an update report on the new North Yorkshire policing model and a bi-annual Safer York Partnership performance report. Members also endorsed their draft final report arising from their A-Boards Scrutiny Review, and considered the implementation of the outstanding recommendations from their previously completed Taxi Licensing Scrutiny Review.
14. In March, the Committee considered an update report on York's Anti-Social Behaviour Hub.

Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee

15. Learning & Culture OSC has met three times since the December 2014 report to Council. In January the Committee received update reports from the Chair of Learning City and the Chair of York@Large. They also received CYC's bi-annual progress report on Safeguarding and Looked after Children and a School Improvement Update on the Key Stage 4 Performance for 2014. Finally, the Committee considered an update report which provided them with further information in support of their consideration of a proposed scrutiny review of the planning, promotion and delivery of the Council's programme of activities which accompanied the Tour de France. The Committee agreed the review should be undertaken but agreed to

defer its start until the new municipal year and agreed that nominations to the Task Group should be sought at the same time as nominations to the Committee.

16. In February the Committee received York Theatre Royal's bi-annual performance update and considered the draft final reports arising from their scrutiny reviews of "Disabled Access to York's Heritage and Cultural Offer" and "Narrowing the Gap".
17. In March the Committee received their bi-annual update from the Chair of York's Safeguarding Board. They also signed off their draft final report from their "Entrepreneurship in York Schools" scrutiny review. All three of their draft final reports are scheduled for presentation to Cabinet in April 2015.

Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee

18. The Health OSC has met three times since the last report to Council. As part of the working protocols between the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Board it was agreed that the Chair of HWB would bring regular updates on the work of the HWB to HOSC and these were presented at all three meetings. On 14 January the Committee considered a report under urgent business on the challenges faced by York Hospital over the Christmas and New Year period. Members also received a presentation from the Care Quality Commission on its new inspection process, an update report on the re-procurement of Musculoskeletal Services, and considered a feasibility report on a proposed scrutiny review of NHS funding in York.
19. In February 2015 the Committee was presented with a report on the outcome of the Care Quality Commission's inspection of Leeds and York Partnership Foundation Trust. They also received a presentation from Health Education Yorkshire and the Humber on nurse training and workforce planning, reports from NHS England on their Personal Medical Services review, the merger of Haxby and Gale farm GP practices, and an updated Assurance Report on Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults.
20. Most recently HOSC received an update report on York's Elderly People's Homes Programme, the six-monthly Quality Monitoring Report on residential, nursing and homecare services and an interim report on the Supporting Older People Scrutiny review. Work on this review will continue in the municipal year.

Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECDOSC)

21. ECDOSC has met twice since the last report to Council. In January the Committee received a six-monthly update report on major transport initiatives in the city, and update reports on Universal Credit & the Economic Dashboard and part-time working in York. Members also considered a report related to the delivery of brownfield sites and infrastructure proposals in York and endorsed the recommendations arising from their scrutiny review of Graduate Business Start-ups, Entrepreneurialism and Higher value Jobs.
22. In early March the Committee met again to endorse the recommendations arising from their Online Skills / E-Commerce Scrutiny Review. They also consider a six-monthly update report on major developments within the City of York, a further update on the York Economic Dashboard, and an implementation update on the outstanding recommendations from their previously completed External Funding Scrutiny review.
23. Finally, the Economic & City Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to hold an additional meeting on 27 March 2015 with a one-item agenda to consider the Service Level Agreement with Make it York.

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