

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

26 October 2017

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 on 20 July 2017 the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee have considered their end of year Finance and Performance Monitoring Report while the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee, the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee have all considered their 1st quarter Monitoring Reports. Finance and Performance reports are not within the terms of reference of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

Attendance of Executive Members

3. The Deputy Executive Leader (Economic Development and Community Engagement) and the Executive Member for Environment both attended the July meeting of the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee to provide an overview of their priorities and challenges for the municipal year both these executive Members also attended the August meeting of the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee, along with the Executive Member for Transport and Planning.

Pre-Decision Call-Ins

4. The Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee has considered one Called-In item since the last report to Council. In September the considered the Future Management of Allotments Next Steps and Member comments and recommendations were included for submission in a report to the Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Tourism ahead of a future Executive Member Decision Session.

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 August members considered the Called-In Item: City of York Local Plan and agreed there were no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive and therefore confirmed the Executive decision of 13 July.

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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 twice since the last report of this kind. In July the Committee considered a presentation by the North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner on the future Governance of North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. In September they considered update reports on Consultation on the Council's Draft ICT Policy and Section 106 Agreements and overview reports on Financial Inclusion and CYC Sickness Absence.

Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee

8. The Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In late July the Committee considered a report on Be Independent's End of Year Position, a report on The Retreat's Action Plan following a recent Care Quality Commission inspection and the Safeguarding Vulnerable Adults Annual Assurance Report. Members were also given an introduction to the work of Safer York Partnership and considered a report on the city's new Community Safety Strategy.
9. In September the Committee considered a report on Consultation in the new Mental Health Strategy for York and an update report on York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's financial situation. They also received a report on the Implications of the Homelessness Reduction Act and an update report on fire safety in the city.

10. 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. Since the last report to council these have included the Annual report of the Tees Esk and Wear Valleys Foundation Trust – the mental health services provider in the city; A further update report on community service provision and delivering Home First following the closure of Archways Intermediate Care Unit; York Teaching Hospital NHS FT's Annual Report; Yorkshire Ambulance Service Annual Report and the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's Annual Report.

Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

11. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In September the Committee considered an update report on a York Trial of 30 Hours Free Childcare for Working Families and the Bi-Annual progress report on Safeguarding and Looked After Children. Members also considered the Learning Services end of year update report and received a presentation on the Vision for the city's library service. Finally, they considered update reports on the implementation of recommendations from previously completed Ward Funding Scrutiny Review and the Play Opportunities Scrutiny Review.

Economy and Place Policy Development Committee

12. This Committee has met twice since the last report of this nature. In late July Members received an introductory presentation on City of York Council fleet generated emissions in support of a proposed CYC Emissions Policy Development Review. In September the Committee received a detailed presentation on the medium term future of urban transport and what it means for York.

Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee

13. This Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In August Members an evaluation report of Air Quality on New Developments and a briefing paper on Building Controls and Fire Safety. In October Members received a progress report on Allerton Park Waste Recovery Treatment Centre and a bi-annual update on CYC's Flood Defences Action Plan from the Environment Agency. They also received a presentation on the operation of CYC's commercial portfolio.