

# Scrutiny Report To Council

## Report of the Chair of Scrutiny Management Committee

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

### Update on Scrutiny Work

#### SMC

2. There has been one meetings of SMC since the last update to Council, at which we considered reports on the following:

#### Updates on the implementation of recommendations

3. Scrutiny Management Committee has received updates on the implementation of the recommendations from the reviews on 'Guidance for Sustainable Development' and 'Takeaways: Powers of Enforcement'. The Committee has now completely signed off the 'Takeaways: Powers of Enforcement' Review but there are still several recommendations outstanding on the 'Guidance for Sustainable Development' Review. The Economic and City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee will now monitor the implementation of the outstanding recommendations.

#### Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)

4. Committee received a report regarding the Councillor Call for Action. The report set out best practice advice on how officers within the Council could support Members in dealing with potential CCfAs.

#### Final Reports

5. Members of the Committee also received the final report on the 'Extended Schools Agenda' Review undertaken by the Education Scrutiny Committee and the final report of the Hungate Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee. The Committee agreed that the reports and their associated annexes be noted, accepted and forwarded to the Executive.

#### Interim Report of the Traffic Congestion Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee

6. Finally the Committee received an interim report from the Traffic Congestion Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee. SMC noted the findings to date. They also requested that the remaining 2008/09 scrutiny budget be carried forward in order to finance the planned consultation survey and recommended that, in the event the carry forward was not approved the matter be referred back to SMC for further consideration.

### **Health Scrutiny Committee**

7. Since last Council the Health Scrutiny Committee has continued work on the Annual Health Check, which is the system that the Care Quality Commission (formerly the Healthcare Commission) uses to assess the performance of all NHS Trusts and a few other types of organisations in the NHS in England. The Health Scrutiny Committee has worked with North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust (NYYPCT), York Hospital Foundation Trust and Yorkshire Ambulance Service (YAS) to produce submissions to be included with the Trusts' declarations.
8. They have also received information reports on the Public Health Bill 2009, Health Scrutiny Networking and 'Delivering Healthy Ambitions'; this sets the direction for the NHS in the Yorkshire & Humber Region for the next five to ten years. They also received further information on the 'Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy' in relation to a previously submitted scrutiny topic. Committee decided not to proceed with the topic.
9. Finally Committee received an update on dental services in the York area and agreed that they would like to continue monitoring dental services on a quarterly basis.

### **Education Scrutiny Committee**

10. The Education Scrutiny Committee has met twice since they last reported to Council. They continued work on and received the draft final report on the 'Extended Schools Agenda' Review; prior to it being presented to SMC.

### **Cultural Quarter Ad-hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee**

11. The work of the above Committee is now complete, the Executive having considered and approved the recommendations within the final report.

### **Hungate Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committee**

12. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council where they considered their draft final report. This has, subsequently been presented to SMC and is due to be presented to the Executive in July 2009.

### **Planning Enforcement Scrutiny Ad-hoc Sub-Committee**

13. This Ad-hoc Scrutiny Sub-Committee has met twice since last Council. At the first of these meetings the Committee received an interim report containing further information to support the review. During the second meeting Committee gave consideration to the draft final report. The final report is now complete and will be presented to SMC at the end of July and to the Executive in September.

### **Supporting the new Scrutiny Structure**

14. In addition to the above there has been ongoing work to implement the new Scrutiny Structure. The first meeting in the cycle is due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> June and the outcomes of this will be reported back to Council in the next report from the Chair of SMC

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