

Scrutiny Report To Council

April 2010

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

2. **SMC** have met twice since the last Scrutiny Report to Council was prepared. On 1st February 2010 they considered the Traffic Congestion Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee's final report and the Scrutiny Review Support Budget. On 15th March they agreed to form a cross cutting joint Scrutiny Committee to review safer routes to school and school travel plans. The membership of this Committee is currently being established and it is hoped the review will commence shortly.
3. They have also considered the following call in:
 - 8 March 2010
 - City of York's Local Transport Plan 3 – Stage 1 Consultation Results & Preparations for Stage 2 (Options & Impacts) Consultation.

Standing Scrutiny Committees

4. Further meetings of the standing scrutiny committees have taken place since the last Council meeting.
5. **Health Scrutiny Committee** have met twice since last Council and have given consideration to an update on dental services in York, a Finance and Performance report in relation to Adult Social Services as well as presentations on Transforming Community Services and the Individual Funding Request Panel for NHS North Yorkshire & York. Several information reports have also been received and discussed.
6. The Committee have also formed a 3 Member Task Group to undertake work on the childhood obesity review. This Group has met on several occasions and are well on the way to completing their work. It is expected that a final report will be presented to the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee at their May meeting.
7. **Effective Organisation Overview & Scrutiny Committee** have met once since last Council. They have now completed their review of the Effectiveness of the Executive Forward Plan, and intend presenting their final report to the Executive before the end of the municipal year.

8. In addition, the Committee has agreed to carry out a review of CYC Apprenticeships & Other Work Based Learning Opportunities. They plan to meet on 28 April 2010 and aim to complete the review before the end of the municipal year.
9. **Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee** have met 3 times since the last report to Council and have recently commenced work on their Newgate Market review. They have also considered reports and presentations on many issues including:
 - Safer Routes to School and School Travel Plans (ultimately referred to SMC)
 - Feasibility Report – Acceptance of Euros by York Businesses (decision on whether to progress to review deferred)
 - Information report on Distribution of Travel Tokens
 - Finance and Monitor Report
 - Update on Recommendations from Previous Scrutiny Reviews
10. In addition to this the Water End CCfA Task Group is well on its way to completing its review and is due to report back to the Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee in May 2010 with its draft final report and recommendations.
11. Work is still ongoing in relation to the Broadway Shops CCfA and positive progress has been made through a facilitated discussion between retailers, relevant Council Officers and the local Residents Association. A further discussion is due to take place in mid April.
12. **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** have met once since the last Council meeting, and work is ongoing on their review of 'Casual Play Opportunities'. The Committee have also visited the Yorkshire Museum to see the changes to the building being made to improve the visitor experience.
13. **Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee** have met once since last Council to receive a report on Drug Usage in the City. Work has also progressed on their review of the Council's Winter Maintenance Policy. The intention is to complete this review in time for the findings to affect improvements to working practices for winter 2010.
14. **Traffic Congestion Ad Hoc Scrutiny Committee** The consultation period for the traffic congestion survey has now ended and the results will be made available to the Committee in the near future. The Committee have already agreed to submit their final report, ahead of the results from the survey in order to ensure it can be made available for the Executive's consideration before the end of this municipal year. That report is due to be presented to the Executive on 13 April 2010. A further report containing any additional relevant recommendations arising from the survey results, will then be presented in the new municipal year.

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