

# Scrutiny Report to Council

## July 2013

### 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.

### Annual Work Planning Event

2. The Annual Scrutiny Work Planning Event took place on 13 June which was well attended and resulted in discussion around a variety of potential topics. As a result those Members who wish to are now submitting formal topics for consideration by the relevant Scrutiny Committee and each Committee is in the process of considering what topics they want to prioritise for the year ahead.
3. In particular this year, the idea of one common theme in relation to which all Scrutiny Committees could contribute improvements within a Council priority area, was put forward. Members were invited to put forward appropriate topics for the theme to see how feasible this approach would be to introduce.

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#### 4. Call-ins

Since the last report of this kind in March 2013, CSMC has considered the following call-ins and decided in each case that having had the opportunity to look at the issues in more detail, not to refer them back to the Cabinet for further consideration:

- Street Lighting Maintenance Procedure
- West Yorkshire Transport Fund (WYTF+)

5. Since the last scrutiny update to Council, the Deputy Leader has given an end of year report to CSMC on her areas of responsibility, as Deputy Leader.
6. At CSMC on 24 June 2013, consideration was given to the Council's new governance arrangements for equalities and the Council's ambition to be 'Excellent' under the Equalities Framework for Local Government.

The Committee is planning to do further detailed work on how it can specifically help the Council achieve 'excellence'.

7. At this meeting, the Committee began to look at potential topics suggested for it at the Annual Working Planning Event. It was specifically interested in developing the idea put forward at the Annual Work Planning Event to select a common theme in relation to which all Scrutiny Committees could contribute improvements within a Council priority area. Initially, in this regard, CSMC has agreed to receive a further briefing on the nighttime economy in York.
8. CSMC Scrutiny Reviews  
The Loans and Grants Task Group met in May to consider an interim report on the topic put forward by Cllrs Healey and Runciman to scrutinise how loans and grants from CYC to outside organisations were being monitored. The Group have requested further detailed information in a number of areas for consideration to their next meeting in July.

### **Standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees**

8. Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee has met once since the last report to Council in and received briefing notes on tenancy enforcement , restorative justice and CCTV.
9. The Committee has appointed 2 Task Groups which are ongoing in relation to Domestic Waste Recycling and A Boards.
9. The Committee next meets on 22 July 2013 when it will begin to focus upon any new individual areas for review in the year ahead.
11. Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee has met three times since the last report to Council in May, June & July 2013.
12. The Committee has one Task Group currently appointed, CEIAG, looking at careers, education, information advice and guidance. The work of this Group is drawing to a close with a final draft report being anticipated in September 2013.
13. On 17 July 2013, the Committee will receive a scoping report to identify the specific areas for review in relation to another agreed topic around school meals take-up. The Committee will consider whether it wishes to establish a Task Group to effect this review.
14. Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECDOSC) has met once, formally, since the last CSMC report to Council, firstly in June, when the Leader attended to present his challenges and priorities for the year ahead and an interim report on the

ongoing review relating to External Funding was received. In July, after this Council meeting, the Committee will meet again to receive briefing notes initially on new potential reviews relating to Building Skills & Supporting Online Working. Once it has decided what it feels it needs to achieve in these areas, the Committee may decide to set up further Task Groups.

15. The work of the ongoing Task Group on External Funding is scheduled to draw to a close in September 2013, with its draft final report being submitted to this Committee, at its September meeting.
16. **Health Scrutiny Overview & Scrutiny Committee**, *has met twice since the last report to Council, firstly in April 2013, when it met the Managing Director of the new Commissioning Support Unit (CSU) and amongst other business had a monitoring report from the Director of Public Health. Secondly, it met in June, when it received an update report on the Merger of Priory Medical Group Surgery and Abbey Medical Group and considered the interim report from the ongoing Community Mental Health and Care of Young People Task Group. It also updated its membership on ongoing Task Groups, in line with changes made to the membership of this Committee at the Annual Meeting.*
17. At its meeting in June 2013, the Committee also began to look at potential topics suggested at the Annual Work Plan event and initially requested a specific briefing on the relevant issues for scrutiny around 'men's health, with a potential overview also on the work being done by Joseph Rowntree Trust on 'loneliness'. It intends to look at the briefing on 'men's health issues' at its forthcoming meeting in July 2013.
18. In addition, the Committee has 2 ongoing Task Groups. Firstly, the Task Group relating to Community Mental Health & the Care of Young People is scheduled to draw to a close in September, when it present its draft final report to the Committee. The Personalisation Task Group, however, next meets informally on 19 July when it will consider its next steps and the work done to date.

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