

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

14 December 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 made to Council in relation to that work.

Finance and Performance

2. Since the last report to Council on 26 October 2017, the Customer & Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee, the Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee, and the Economy & Place Scrutiny Committee have considered their 2nd Quarter Finance and Performance Monitoring Report. The Children, Education & Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee will consider its 2nd Quarter Report in January. Finance and Performance reports are not within the remit of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

Attendance of Executive Members

3. The Executive Member for Transport and Planning attended the November meeting of the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee to provide an overview of his priorities and challenges for the municipal year.

Pre-Decision Call-Ins

4. There have been no pre-decision call-ins since the last report to Council.

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 November Members considered the Called-In Item: Disposal of Willow House, Walmgate and agreed to refer the matter back to the Executive for re-consideration at their Calling-In meeting on 23 November 2017, with a recommendation that the sale of the site be delayed to explore options to protect open space on the site.

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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 have met once since the last report to Council. In November Members considered the Draft Final Report of the Task Group set up to carry out a Scrutiny Review into Electoral Arrangements in the city. The Committee made some additional recommendations before signing off the review for submission to the Returning Officer.

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 of this nature. In November Members considered an update report on the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan, a report on the progress of York's Adult Social Care Transformation Programme 'Future Focus' and Healthwatch York's six-monthly performance update. They also received a briefing and presentation on Urgent Care Resilience Plans (Winter Pressures) for winter 2017/18.
9. In December Members considered the Health and Wellbeing Board's six-monthly update report, an update report on the progress of the Humber, Coast and Vale Sustainability and Transformation Partnership and a report on the implementation of recommendations from the previously completed Public Health Grant Spending Scrutiny Review. They also considered a report on provision for homeless people over the winter period.
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 this has included the North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Report.

Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

11. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In November the Committee received bi-annual reports from Make it York and Explore York Libraries and Archives Mutual Ltd. Members also considered update reports on the Early Help Strategy, Local Area Teams and 30 Clarence Street; School Improvements and Ofsted Schools Performance; Academisation, Place Planning and Additional School Places Required and York Museum Trust Custodian Arrangements.
12. The WWII Commemorations Scrutiny Review Task Group met for a second time in mid November and work on the review is progressing.

Economy and Place Policy Development Committee

13. Since the last report to Council, this Committee has held two informal meetings. In early November it received a briefing on the strategic management of the Council's commercial portfolio and the development of an Asset Management Strategy, and in late November it met to consider the guiding principles for a new draft policy on CYC Fleet Replacement.
14. In mid November the 'Arts & Culture and the Economy' Scrutiny Review Task Group met for a final time to consider their draft final report. This was subsequently presented to the full Committee at its formal meeting in late November and signed off ready for the Executive's consideration in January 2018.

Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee

15. This Committee has also met once since the last report to Council. In November Members received a bi-annual update report from Make It York and an overview report on Emergency Planning arrangements for the city.

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