

Report of the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee

March 2016

1. This report is submitted by the Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Policy & Scrutiny Committee (CSMC), in accordance with the constitutional requirements set out in Standing Order 4.2.1 (i) 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 Council on 17 December 2015 CSMC and the four standing scrutiny committees have all received the 2nd and 3rd quarter Finance and Performance monitoring reports with the exception of the Health & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee which received the 2nd quarter report in early December.

Attendance of Executive Members

3. The Executive Member for Environment and the Leader of the Council attended the January meeting of the Communities and Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee to provide a verbal update on the Christmas floods in York.

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Call-ins

4. Since the last report to Council there have been no pre-decision or post-decision call-ins.

Petitions

5. At each of its meetings, CSMC 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

6. CSMC has met twice since the last report to Council. In January, in addition to its regular consideration of the schedule of petitions, the

Committee received two overview reports one on procurement and one on the council's consultation process. The Committee also considered an interim report on its scrutiny review of eDemocracy and as a result agreed to conclude the review and make its recommendations to the Executive. Finally, as part of its scrutiny management role, the Committee considered scrutiny expenditure in this financial year and the scrutiny budget for the coming year.

Consideration of New Ways of Working

7. A meeting of all scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs was held to consider a report on the various options for changing scrutiny committee remits. The report presenting those options reflected national best practice and provided consultation feedback from CYC's corporate management team.
8. Subsequently in early March, CSMC considered the report and all of the consultation feedback. They noted that forthcoming changes to Directorates were as yet unknown and agreed those changes would have a significant impact on some of the options under consideration. They therefore agreed it was too early to make an informed decision, and requested that the options be further explored and reported on once Directorate changes became clearer.

Communities & Environment Policy & Scrutiny Committee

9. The Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In January, Members received a bi-annual performance report and a report on domestic violence from Safer York partnership. They were also consulted on the review of neighbourhood working arrangements
10. Earlier this month, the Committee met again and received a number of updates on the Community Safety Unit; the Council's Hate Crime Action Plan; CYC's Housing Allocations and Choice Based Lettings process and the council's Tenancy Strategy. In addition the Committee received a briefing on the programme of works associated with the recent flooding and the draft final report arising from their recently completed Goose Management scrutiny review.

Economic Development and Transport Policy & Scrutiny Review

11. This committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In January 2016 the committee received a verbal update on proposed regular transport briefings for all members and update reports on the economic

dashboard and the Business Improvement District. They also considered the implementation of recommendations from the previously completed Online Skills / E-Commerce Scrutiny Review.

12. In March 2016 Members were provided with a further update report on the economic dashboard, and the interim report of the Economic Strategy Task Groups. They also considered a further report on the implementation of outstanding recommendations from the Online Skills / E-Commerce Scrutiny Review and a proposed scrutiny review around the protection of grass verges.

Health & Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

13. This Committee has met four times since the last report of this nature. In December 2015 the committee received a report on the re-procurement of community equipment and wheelchair services and an update report on an interim solution for Bootham Park Hospital.
14. In January 2016 Members were provided with a report on York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's action plan following a recent Care Quality Commission inspection, a six-monthly assurance report on the safeguarding of vulnerable adults and an update report on the Health Child Service Project Board.
15. In February 2016 the committee received reports on the merger of Clifton, Petergate and York Medical Group medical practices and on the co-commissioning of primary care services in the Vale of York and an update report on the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group's turnaround plans.
16. Finally, in March 2016 the committee was provided with the annual report of the Health and Wellbeing Board. This meeting should have considered a major item around the closure of Bootham Park Hospital including the NHS England Reflections, Learning and Assurance Report on the transfer of services between Leeds & York Partnership FT and Tees, Esk & Wear FT; the initial conclusions of the committee's independent expert adviser and Healthwatch York's report: Bootham Park Hospital: What next for mental health in York? but the item was taken off the agenda as the NHS England report had still to be signed off and pending a decision on a request for a judicial review.

Learning & Culture Policy & Scrutiny Committee

17. This Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In January Members received an update from Make it York on their response to two petitions relating to the Parliament Street Carousel, together with an overview on the success of St Nicholas Fair. The Committee went on to discuss with Make it York their views on the future of Parliament Street fountain. In addition, the Committee received the Annual Report from SACRE and a school improvement update on Key Stage 4 Performance. They also received their bi-annual update on Safeguarding and Looked After Children.
18. The Committee met again earlier this month to receive a bi-annual update on the work of York Safeguarding Board, and an update on the implementation of recommendations arising from a number of their previously completed reviews. In addition, the Committee considered the draft final report arising from their York Museums Trust Scrutiny Review. And finally, the Chair of York@Large attended to give the committee an overview of ongoing work to deliver joint services.
19. Work continues on the committee's ongoing scrutiny review of the Tour de France.