

**Scrutiny Report to Council
12 December 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.

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Call-ins

2. Since the last report of this kind in early October 2013, CSMC has considered one call-in regarding the Winter Maintenance Review for the 2013/14 Season. Having had the opportunity to look at the issue in more detail, CSMC agreed to uphold the decision and not to refer it back to the Cabinet for further consideration.

CSMC Reviews

3. Since the last meeting of full Council, CSMC has met once. The Committee received an update on the implementation of the approved recommendations arising from their previous Staff Sickness Scrutiny Review and their Customer Engagement Scrutiny Review. They also received a presentation on the findings from CYC's Staff Wellbeing Survey, and a scoping report for their agreed review on Equalities.
4. A Task Group has since been set up to carry out the Equalities review on behalf of the full committee. The review will focus on York's Communities of Identity in an effort to raise their awareness of and encourage their wider involvement in the Council's democratic traditions i.e. elections, decision making and community engagement.

Standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees

5. Each of the four Overview & Scrutiny Committees have now started work on their individual Night-Time Economy (NTE) scrutiny reviews in support of the corporate review theme agreed by CSMC earlier this municipal year. The Committees are tasked with presenting their final reports to CSMC in March 2014 for assessment, to enable CSMC to identify some overarching recommendations.

6. Each Overview & Scrutiny Committee has met once since the last meeting of Full Council, with the exception of the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee, which has met twice, and each received a second Quarter Finance & Performance Monitoring Report.
5. **Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee** - In November 2013 the Committee received a presentation from York & North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service on their work in support of the Safer York Partnership. They also received an update on the implementation of the approved recommendations arising from three of their previous scrutiny reviews - Winter Maintenance; Taxi Licensing and Community Engagement.
6. Work has commenced on the Committee's NTE review focussing on city centre street cleaning, and work is still ongoing on the committee's Domestic Waste Task Group Review and their A-Boards Task Group Review. An A-boards public consultation event is due to be held in late January 2014.
7. **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** – In November the Committee received a Bi-annual Update Report from the Museums Trust and an interim report on their Schools Meals Task Group Review. They also received a scoping report on their Night-Time Economy review which is focussing on extending the city's evening cultural offer.
8. In late November the School Meals Task Group met again to progress their review, and agreed their findings and draft recommendations which will need to take account of the knock on effects of the Government's plans to provide free school meals to all key stage 1 children.
9. **Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee** - In November, Members were given a briefing by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services. They were also given an implementation update on the previously completed Youth Unemployment Scrutiny Review and update reports on the Construction Skills Scrutiny Review, which is investigating ways of increasing the supply of local people with building and constructions skills, and the regeneration of Newgate Market. Work has started on the Night-Time Economy review which is focusing on retail and transport.
10. The committee next meets on 28 January when Members will consider the final draft reports on the Construction Skills and Night-Time Economy Scrutiny Reviews, a scoping paper on support for online business / ecommerce skills and an update report on the Lendal Bridge trial.

11. **Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee** -

In October 2013 the committee received the annual report of the Chief Executive of Leeds and York Partnership and a monitoring report from Leeds and York Partnership on the way older people's mental health services are provided. Members were given reports on proposed changes to psychological therapies services at St Andrew's in York and Section 136 of the Mental Health Act – provision of a place of safety. They approved the draft final report of Community Mental Health & Care of Young People Task Group and received a presentation on loneliness by a representative from the Joseph Rowntree Foundation

12. In November they received a report by the NHS Partnership Commission Unit on the Friends and Family Test – Maternity Services. They also considered the draft interim report from Personalisation Task Group and an update report on Night-Time Economy scrutiny review, which is focusing on the impact of the Night-Time Economy on the hospital's Emergency Department at peak times.
13. A Task Group appointed to carry out work on the Men's Health Scrutiny Review met for the first time in early December.
14. The Committee's next meeting is on 18 December when Members will receive a presentation by the Care Quality Commission, a report on how the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee work together and presentations from health partners on how they work together.

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Chair of Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee