

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

21 March 2019

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 such as may be made to Council in relation to that work.

Finance and Performance

2. Since the last report to Council on 13 December 2019, CSMC, the Health, Housing and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee, the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee have all received their 2nd and 3rd Quarter Finance and Performance Reports. Finance and Performance Reports are not within the remit of the Economy & Place Policy Development Committee.

Attendance of Executive Members

3. No Executive Members have attended any scrutiny committee meetings since the last report to Council in December.

Pre-Decision Call-Ins

4. None of the four standing scrutiny committees have considered any 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 December Members considered the Called-In item: Changes to Permit Emission Charges. The Committee decided that there were no grounds to make specific recommendations to the Executive and the original decision was confirmed.

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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 has met twice since the last report to Council. In January Members received an Internal Audit Report into City of York Council Overtime 2017-18 and considered update reports on the Council's Attendance and Wellbeing Project (sickness absence) and the review into Scrutiny Operations and Function.
8. In March the Committee considered three scrutiny review draft final reports. These were two CSMC Task Group reports into Financial Inclusion and Scrutiny Operations and Function while the third into Single Use Plastics was carried out by an Ad-Hoc Sub-Committee involving Members from CSMC and the Economy and Place Policy Development Committee.
9. The findings and recommendations of the Task Group reviewing our scrutiny operations are in part referred to Full Council in view of the proposals to:
 - revert back to one united Economy & Place Policy & Scrutiny Committee;
 - create two Committees covering the Health, Housing & Adult Social Care remit; and
 - remove the pre-decision call in process;

The relevant Part B minute referring the above recommendations to Council is annexed at Appendix A to this report.

The other recommendations from this review were referred to the Executive as they primarily related to improving Officer and Member engagement with scrutiny and providing enhanced support to Members, to enable scrutiny to contribute to the development and delivery of Council priorities, as well as effective services.

Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee

10. This Committee has met four times since the last report to Council. In December, the Committee received a bi-annual update report from the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board. Members considered an update report on the progress to develop an asset based approach to adult social care and an overview report from the Chair of the Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group on the impact of the Elective Surgery Criteria.
11. In January, the Committee received an update report from Unity Health in relation to Care Quality Commission regulatory compliance and addressing patient access issues, in particular. Members also received an overview report on Student Health, together with their bi-annual monitoring report on Residential, Nursing and Homecare Services.
12. In February the Committee received a report on homelessness and measures being taken by the Council in this area and a report from Humber, Coast and Vale Mental Health Partnership updating Members on the ongoing efforts to improve collaboration and mental health and wellbeing outcomes. Members also considered an update report from Tees, Esk and Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust (TEWV) on progress of the development of the new mental health hospital for York and Selby following concerns raised by the Committee relating to bed numbers. They agreed to be represented at a Joint Health Scrutiny meeting with North Yorkshire County Council and Leeds City Council to consider the impact of new proposals on mental health provision by TEWV and Harrogate Rural and District CCG on residents in all three local authority areas. Members also endorsed the recommendations of the draft final report of the Task Group they appointed to review substance misuse.
13. In March the Committee received the bi-annual report from Safer York Partnership, an overview report on Integration of Health and Adult and Social Care and an update report on the outcome of the Joint Scrutiny Meeting in Harrogate, referred to above.

Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

14. This Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In January the Committee welcomed Explore York Libraries & Archives Mutual Ltd who gave an update on their performance, achievements and cultural activities. The Committee also received the bi-annual report from the York Museums Trust and a bi-annual update on York Centre

for Voluntary Services. Members also considered a report regarding Safeguarding Looked After Children.

15. In March the Committee received an annual update from the Chair of York@Large, the city's cultural partnership which is likely to be disbanded in June due to the positive progress of the Cultural Leaders initiative and the ongoing development of the Cultural Strategy. Members received the Annual Report of the Chair of York's Standing Advisory Council on Religious Education (SACRE) and the bi-annual report on Adult Learning Services. Members also considered an overview report on Local Area Teams. Finally, following a request by the Committee at the previous meeting, the Committee received an overview report on resident involvement.

Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee

16. This Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In January Members focussed on the full Committee review into the Economic Health of York City Centre and agreeing recommendations around supporting a thriving city centre.
17. In March the Members received their bi-annual update report on City of York Council's Flood Defences Action Plan and an Overview Report on the Discretionary Business rates Discount Policy. The Committee also considered an update on the implementation of recommendations from the previously completed scrutiny review into the Impact of the Arts and Culture Sectors on the Economy of York.

Economy and Place Policy Development Committee

18. This Committee has also met twice since the last report to Council. In January Members received a report from the Economy and Place Scrutiny Committee on the Economic Health of York City Centre to identify whether there were opportunities for any additional policy development work associated with the city centre economy. They also considered an update on the scrutiny review into the Residents' Priority Parking Scheme.
19. Finally, in March the Committee considered the draft final report from the Residents' Priority Parking Scheme Scrutiny Review ahead of the report being submitted to the Executive.

Recommendations

That (i) the report be noted; and

That (ii) the recommendations set out in the Part B minute attached (referred to Council) of the meeting of the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee held on 11 March 2019, be approved.

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Chair, Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee

Appendix A – 11 March 2019 Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee - Part B Minute