

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

17 July 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. It includes, at Annex 1, the Annual Scrutiny Report 2018-19 which was approved by CSMC in June 2019. The recommendation from CSMC in respect of the Annual Report is attached at Annex 2.

Climate Change Policy and Committee.

2. This committee was agreed at the Annual Meeting of Full Council on 22 May 2019 to monitor and address the progress in York in relation to environmental change. The Terms of Reference for the Committee were delegated by Council to the Interim Monitoring Officer, in consultation with the Council Leader and Chair of the Climate Change Policy and Scrutiny Committee. Progress has been made into agreeing the Terms of Reference and it is expected the Committee will hold its first meeting in September.

Arrangements for Policy and Scrutiny in York

3. At the June meetings of CSMC and the standing Policy and Scrutiny Committees, Members received a report highlighting the structure for the Council's provision of the scrutiny function and the resources available to support it. This followed a CSMC Scrutiny Operations and Functions Review, the recommendations from which were endorsed by Executive in March 2019. Key recommendations were that all Policy and Scrutiny Committees will now meet monthly and that the Pre-Decision Call-In process be removed from the Constitution to encourage a more timely and pro-active approach to pre-decision scrutiny.

Finance and Performance

4. Since the last report to Council on 21 March 2019, the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC) and the Economy and Place Policy and Scrutiny Committee have received their End of Year Finance and Performance Monitoring reports. The Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee, the Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Children,

Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee will receive their End of Year reports later this month.

Attendance of Executive Members

5. The Executive Leader (Policy, Strategy and Partnerships) and the Executive Member for Finance and Performance attended the June meeting of CSMC to outline to Members their priorities and challenges for 2019-20. The Executive Member for Economy and Strategy and the Executive Member for Transport attended the July meeting of the Economy and Place Policy and Scrutiny Committee and the Executive Member for Environment and Climate Change will be invited to the Committee's September meeting.
6. The Executive Member for Culture, Leisure and Communities has been invited and will be attending the Children, Education and Communities Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting later this month while the Executive Member for Children, Young People and Education will be invited to the Committee's September meeting. The Executive Member for Housing and Safer Neighbourhoods will be attending the Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee meeting in July while the Executive Member for Health and Adult Social Care will be attending the July meeting of the Health and Adult Social Care Policy and Scrutiny Committee.

Post-Decision Call-Ins

7. There have been no Post-Decision Call-ins since the last report to Council.

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Petitions

8. 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

9. This Committee has met twice since the last report to Council. In June the Corporate Directors of Health, Housing and Adult Social Care and Children, Education and Communities gave a report on the financial progress being made within their Directorates to provide the Committee with assurances that financial controls are in place to mitigate any

overspend. They also received a scoping report on Food Poverty in York and approved the Draft Annual Scrutiny Report.

10. In July Members received an update report on Section 106 Agreements and a report on the Attendance and Wellbeing (Sickness Absence) together with information from staff surveys. They also received a further scoping report on Food Poverty in York.

Health, Adult Social Care Policy & Scrutiny Committee

11. This committee has met once since the last report to Council. In June Members received a briefing from the Director of Public Health relating to the Director's area of responsibility in the Health, Housing & Adult Social Care Directorate. Members considered their work programme for the coming year.

Children, Education & Communities Policy & Scrutiny Committee

12. This Committee has met once since the last report to Council. In June Members received the Bi-annual Service Level Agreement update from CVS York and an update report from the York Theatre Royal on their activities over the past six months. Members also received a briefing from the Director of Children, Education and Communities, presenting to Members an overview of the services areas within the Directorate. Members to help inform their work programme for the coming year.

Economy and Place Policy Development Committee

13. Since the last report to Council, this Committee has met twice. In June Members received a briefing from the Assistant Director of Transport, Highways and Environment and the Assistant Director of Planning and Public Protection on their areas of responsibility in the Economy and Place Directorate to help inform the Committee's work planning.
14. In July the Committee welcomed the Managing Director of Make It York and the Executive Director of York Business Improvement District who presented their b-annual and annual reports respectively. Members also further considered their work programme for the coming year.

Housing and Community Safety Policy and Scrutiny Committee

15. This committee has met once since the last report to Council. In June Members received a briefing from the Assistant Director of Housing and Community Safety and were presented with an overview of the services areas within the Directorate to help inform their work programme for the coming year.

Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs Meeting

16. Chairs and Vice Chairs of all scrutiny committees were invited to attend a meeting in July to discuss ways of promoting and enhancing the scrutiny function. It was agreed that Chairs would work collaboratively to promote better engagement with scrutiny amongst Members, Officers and all relevant stakeholders. A similar meeting will take place on a six-monthly basis going forward.

Report Recommendation

17. Members are recommended to:
 - i. Note this report;
 - ii Approve/endorse the Annual Report attached at Annex 1, in line with the recommendation of CSMC from its meeting on 10 June, as shown in Annex 2.

Reason: To comply with the Council's constitutional requirements

Annexes:

Annex 1 – Annual Scrutiny report 2018-19

Annex 2 – Extract of committeeminute from the Customer and Corporate Services Scrutiny Management Committee meeting held on 10 June 2019.

Cllr J Crawshaw

8 July 2019