

Scrutiny Report to Council

Report of Chair, Scrutiny Management Committee

Since the last report to Council, there has been one meeting of Scrutiny Management Committee (SMC). We considered a feasibility report for a registered topic on Drainage in York but decided not to proceed with a review at this time. This decision was made, in the knowledge that an officer review report is due to be considered at Neighbourhood Services EMAP in December. SMC is expecting to receive a more focussed topic registration in the new year once the outcome of work at local and national levels has been reported on.

SMC also continues to receive updates on the implementation status of recommendations arising from previously completed scrutiny reviews. To put this into context, we are currently looking at the recommendations from reviews completed in 2006. Where full implementation has been evidenced, the recommendations are signed off leaving those where work is still in progress for SMC to monitor.

Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Committees

Barbican

This ad-hoc committee have recently held their first meeting to consider a scoping report for this review and agree a timetable and the level of officer involvement required.

Highways

This review is now drawing to a close with the Ad-hoc committee currently working on their draft final report. This is due to be finalised at the beginning of the new year for consideration by SMC.

Traffic Congestion

SMC will receive an interim report at the beginning of the new year, providing an update on the progress made with this review.

Education Scrutiny Committee

Work has now begun on a review of School Governors. Having considered the suggested remit for this, the Committee decided to split the review into two parts to ensure clarity in the objectives. It is expected that this review will continue until the end of the municipal year.

Health Scrutiny Committee

Health Scrutiny Committee continues to receive updates on issues they've investigated previously, i.e. dental services in York and the financial status of NYYPCT. They have also recently agreed a programme of work for the remainder of the year which includes contributing to the 'Annual Health Check'

assessment process for NHS Trusts and working with Council Officers who are responsible for procuring the host organisation for the new Local Involvement Network (LINK).

In addition, Health Scrutiny will be looking at the work of North Yorkshire and York Primary Care Trust's (NYYPCT) Exceptions Panel, followed by some alternative care pathways to in-patient hospital treatment.

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