

**Scrutiny Report to Council
10 October 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.

Corporate & Scrutiny Management Committee (CSMC)

Call-ins

2. Since the last report of this kind in July 2013, CSMC has considered the following call-ins and decided in each case that having had the opportunity to look at the issues in more detail, not to refer them back to the Cabinet for further consideration:
 - 22nd July 2013 – Alternative Services to those currently provided by the Toy Bus.
 - 12th August 2013 – The Co-Operative – A Community Benefit Society for Libraries and Archives
 - 12th August 2013 - 20mph Speed Limits in the West of York
 - 16th September 2013 –Closer working with Leeds Bradford Airport

CSMC Reviews

3. At CSMC on 9 September 2013, the Committee considered a further report on the Council's ambition to be 'Excellent' under the Equalities Framework for Local Government. The Committee met with an officer and elected Member from Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council, where an 'excellence' award had already been achieved. As a result, they have requested a further briefing from officers to identify specific areas of concerns in York and to scope a potential review to bring about change in this authority.
4. CSMC have asked all four Overview & Scrutiny Committees to undertake a corporate review of the Night-Time Economy (NTE) in

York. All the Committees are currently involved in this work by investigating how the NTE impacts on their areas or responsibility and how it can be improved. The Committees are to present their findings to CSMC by February when they will be assessed to provide overarching recommendations to improve the NTE in the city.

Standing Overview & Scrutiny Committees

5. **Community Safety Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met twice since the last report to Council, in July and September 2013, and received a briefing by the Cabinet Member for Crime & Stronger Communities regarding priorities and challenges.
6. The Committee also has a second Task Group reviewing A Boards.
7. The Committee next meets on 12 November when Members will receive a briefing from the Police Commissioner (Julia Mulligan) as well as being given updates reports on the two scrutiny reviews.
8. **Learning & Culture Overview & Scrutiny Committee** has met once since the last report to Council, in September 2013, when Members were given a briefing on School Improvement and an update on Ofsted.
9. The Committee has one Task Group currently appointed, to review school meals in the city, and a draft final report on a scrutiny review into Careers, Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) was approved at the September 2013 meeting and this will be put before Cabinet in November 2013.
10. The Committee meets again on 20 November when members will be given updates on the ongoing scrutiny review.
11. **Economic & City Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee (ECDOSC)** has met twice since the last CSMC report to Council, firstly in July when Members were given a Report on major developments within City of York Council, and received briefing notes on new potential reviews relating to Construction Skills and to Supporting Online Working. A Task Group was subsequently set up to carry out a review into Construction Skills and this work is ongoing.
12. In September 2013 a draft final report into External Funding was approved by the Committee and this will be presented to Cabinet in November 2013. At the September meeting Members were also given a briefing by the Cabinet Member for Transport, Planning & Sustainability and a presentation on the Grand Depart.

13. The committee next meets on 19 November when Members will be given a briefing by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing & Adult Social Services and update reports on the two ongoing scrutiny
14. **Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee**, has met twice since the last report to Council, firstly in July 2013, when Members were given a briefing by the Cabinet Member for Health, Housing and Adult Social Services. They also received reports into Adult Safeguarding (Annual Assurance of Governance Arrangements) and the Public Health Service Plan.)
15. A scheduled meeting in August was cancelled but at their meeting in September Members received the Annual report from Chief Executive at York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust, including a report on the Liverpool care pathway and the Progress of the Francis report progress They also had a joint update from Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group and York Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust on how they are working together.
16. The committee next meets on 23 October when members will receive a Report on Section 136 of the Mental Health Act – provision of a place of safety, an update report on the provision of medical services for travellers and the homeless and a presentation on loneliness by a representative of the Joseph Rowntree Foundation. The Committee will also receive the Draft final report of Community Mental Health & Care of Young People Task Group.

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