

COMPOSITION OF THE SUPPORTING SCRUTINY PANELS 2013/14

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide the proposed composition of the supporting Scrutiny Panels.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As the Committee is aware, in May 2012, changes made to the Council's Executive and Committee arrangements included a new model for scrutiny.
- 2.2 The Scrutiny Commissioning Model reflects the role of scrutiny in accommodating key statutory functions, but also allows for a more focused, flexible and responsive function in challenging times.

3. THE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee will continue to convene monthly and will comprise of the Chair, Vice-Chair and six Lead Scrutiny Members.
- 3.2 The Committee will also continue to comprise a number of statutory co-opted Members in a Church of England Representative, Roman Catholic Church Schools Representative and two parent governors. These co-opted Members while holding positions on the committee will primarily be there to add their expert view in matters with an educational, children or young person focus. As with previous practice, the remaining co-opted members who do not hold a statutory position continue to be involved in the work of the relevant scrutiny panels bringing their expertise and knowledge to the work being undertaken.
- 3.3 The Scrutiny Committee acts as the overarching committee with responsibility for all matters in relation to the improvement, delivery and performance of the scrutiny function. This includes the establishment of informal scrutiny panels chaired by a scrutiny lead member to champion scrutiny within their remit and examine in-depth priority issues.
- 3.4 The Scrutiny Committee also acts as the designated Scrutiny Committee for statutory purposes for both health and crime and disorder scrutiny and where relevant statutory flood and coastal erosion scrutiny.

- 3.5 In particular the council's Scrutiny function has statutory obligations to undertake in regard to health services. The powers of overview and scrutiny under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 enable councils to review matters relating to the planning, provision and operation of health services in its local authority area. It is also the duty of each local provider to consult through the Council's scrutiny mechanisms on any proposals for a substantial development of the health service, or in making a substantial variation in the provision of such services. The Council can choose not to be consulted on such an issue if it does not believe that it would add additional value to the involvement and consultation already undertaken.

4. LEAD SCRUTINY MEMBERS

- 4.1 Lead Scrutiny Members are the Council's lead overview and scrutiny member for a particular remit, and also act as the overview and scrutiny champion for the Authority. The six Lead Members have specific remits as follows:

- (a) Children's Services;
- (b) City Services;
- (c) Health, Housing and Adult Services;
- (d) Public Health, Wellness and Culture;
- (e) Responsive Services and Customer Care; and
- (f) Skills, Economy and Regeneration.

- 4.2 These remits are aligned to the Executive's Portfolios and remain unchanged from 2012/13. A full breakdown of these remits is attached for information as **Appendix 1** of this report.

- 4.3 As well as being a member of the Scrutiny Committee, Lead Members work inclusively with panel members to deliver on commissioned activities and policy review projects. Lead Members chair meetings of their respective panels and are the link between the Committee and the Panel, providing progress reports up to the Committee and taking commissioned work and updates from the Committee back to the panel.

5. THE SCRUTINY PANELS

- 5.1 Non-executive Members are allocated to a panel and the membership of the panels has been decided in accordance with current political arrangements. A complete membership of the Scrutiny Panels is attached for information and consideration as **Appendix 2** of this report.

- 5.2 It should be noted that Scrutiny Panels are informal and therefore the consideration of political balance is not required. Each panel will be commissioned to undertake and complete at least one policy review during the municipal year, allowing for a greater degree of responsiveness should current or emerging issues become a priority.

5.3 In addition to undertaking policy reviews each panel will convene as and when required to carry out one-off pieces of work commissioned by the Scrutiny Committee. It is important to note that the panels will not commission their own work, however should a Lead Scrutiny Member, or Panel Member, wish to raise a new item of business this will be done through the Scrutiny Committee.

6. DEDICATED SCRUTINY BUDGET

6.1 A small budgetary provision of £15,000 per annum is available to the Scrutiny Committee and the supporting Panels to deliver the agreed Annual Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.

7. RECOMMENDATIONS

7.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee endorses the proposed membership of the informal Scrutiny Panels for 2013/14 as outlined in **Appendix 2**.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Scrutiny Committee Agenda June 2012

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Scrutiny Panel Remits

APPENDIX 2

<p>Health, Housing & Adult Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adult Social Care Services • Mental Health Commissioning • Supporting People including people with Disabilities • Supporting Carers • Promotion of Decent Homes and • Good Housing Standards in Private Sector Housing • Specialist Housing Support Services and Provision • Housing Renewal • Strategic Relationships with Registered Social Landlords and Private Sector Housing Providers • Homelessness and Housing Advice 	<p>Responsive Services & Customer Care</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of Locality Working Initiatives • Responsive Local Service Initiatives • Area Committees, Partnerships and Area Boards • Local Area Plans • Area Budgets including the Community Chest • Customer Care Policy and Practice • Improving the Responsiveness of Neighbourhood Services and Facilities to Local Circumstances and Customer Feedback • Improving the Responsiveness of Personal Services to Customer Feedback • Contact Centre and Customer Services Network including Customer Services Centres • Community Development • Adult and Community Learning • Section 17 Responsibilities • Safer Sunderland Partnership • Anti-Social Behaviour • Drugs Awareness, Prevention and Treatment • Local Multi-Agency Problem-Solving Groups (LMAPS) • Community Resilience 	<p>City Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management of place • Neighbourhood • Environmental Services and Street Scene • Highways, Traffic and Transportation • Highways Maintenance • Strategic Transport • Parking and Road Safety • Facilities Management • Registrars, Cemeteries and Crematoria • Play Provision • Grounds and Buildings Maintenance • Waste Management including Strategy, Refuse Collection and Recycling • Coastal Protection/Flood Risk Management • Seafront Management • Licensing, Licensing Regulation and Controlled Drinking Zones • Trading Standards • Public and Environmental Health
<p>Public Health, Wellness & Culture</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic partnership with the health community of Sunderland • promotion of Public Health and Wellness • Effective transition of public health responsibilities to the City Council • Transformational approach to the achievement of improved health and well being outcomes • WHO Euro Healthy City Network • Health Awareness • Healthy Lifestyles • Healthy Environment • Sports and Wellness Initiatives and Facilities 	<p>Children's Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's Trust • Corporate Parenting • Protecting Children and Young People from Harm • Promoting Good Health and Health Awareness in Children and Young People • Reduction of Child Poverty • Safeguarding and Securing the Well-Being of Children and Young People • School Renewal and Improvement Programmes • Developing the Potential of Children and Young People through • Education, Training, Personal Development and Preparation for Working Life • Promoting the Development of Skills and Capacity which will enable Children and Young People to support and benefit from the City's continuing economic development 	<p>Skills, Economy & Regeneration</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prosperous city • Partnership working to promote the skills of the residents • Economic prosperity • Inward Investment & business support • Regeneration • Improved employability • Boosting the skills and knowledge of the workforce • Prosperous city centre • Tourism, resorts & events

APPENDIX 2

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SIX SCRUTINY PANELS

<p style="text-align: center;">City Services</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead Member: Cllr Stephen Bonallie</p> <p>Cllr Neville Padgett Cllr Michael Essl Cllr Stuart Porthouse Cllr Lynda Scanlan Cllr Steven Foster Cllr Amy Wilson Cllr Dianne Snowdon</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health, Housing & Adult Services</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead Member: Cllr Christine Shattock</p> <p>Cllr Jill Fletcher Cllr Ronny Davison Cllr Alan Emerson Cllr Rosalind Copeland Cllr Darryl Dixon Cllr Lisa Smiles Cllr Barbara McLennan Cllr Dorothy Trueman Cllr Mary Turton Cllr Gemma Taylor</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Children's Services</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead Member: Cllr Debra Waller</p> <p>Cllr Florence Anderson Cllr Linda Williams Cllr Doris MacKnight Cllr Anthony Farr Cllr Philip Tye Cllr Robert Oliver</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Skills, Economy & Regeneration</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead Member: Cllr Tom Martin</p> <p>Cllr Bob Price Cllr Christine Marshall Cllr David Snowdon Cllr Denny Wilson Cllr Len Lauchlan Cllr Tom Wright Cllr Peter Wood</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Health, Wellness & Culture</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead Member: Cllr George Howe</p> <p>Cllr Debra Waller Cllr Louise Farthing Cllr Fiona Miller Cllr Julia Jackson Cllr Rebecca Atkinson Cllr David Errington Cllr Paul Maddison</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Responsive Services & Customer Care</p> <p>Scrutiny Lead Member: Cllr Iain Kay</p> <p>Cllr Bob Heron Cllr Betty Gibson Cllr Barry Curran Cllr Anne Lawson Cllr John Scott Cllr George Thompson Cllr John Wiper Cllr Dennis Richardson</p>