



Scrutiny Annual Report

2017-18

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Foreword



In this, my final year as the Chair of Scrutiny and also as an elected member of the council, it gives me great pleasure to introduce the council's Scrutiny Annual Report. The report provides an overview of the work of scrutiny during 2017-18 and sets out the contribution it has made to the good governance of the council. It also looks at how the scrutiny function will remain fit for purpose for the year ahead.

Once again it has been a highly challenging year for scrutiny and indeed the council as a whole. Local authorities across the country continue to operate within an environment of austerity and financial constraint, while demand for their services continues to grow. With the council and our partners required to deliver ever greater efficiencies and financial savings, the need for robust, evidence based scrutiny becomes more pressing. To help meet these demands we have continued to adapt and improve the scrutiny process. For example, we have introduced a more detailed and comprehensive approach to performance monitoring, with a system of quarterly performance monitoring reports. This should provide a sound foundation for monitoring future service improvement and ensure that the council has, and maintains a

scrutiny function which is current, fit for purpose and contributes to the delivery of the city's priorities. We have also looked to focus our work on the key priorities facing the city and the major challenges ahead of us.

One such priority has been to monitor the progress of improvement within children's services following the critical Ofsted inspection of 2015 and monitor the progress of the new Children's Trust 'Together with Children'. This has involved a robust and rigorous challenge to performance delivery and service provision to ensure that everything possible is being done to safeguard young and vulnerable people.

Last year, Sunderland and South Tyneside Councils established a Joint Health Scrutiny Committee on which I have acted as Joint Chair. This was established to provide challenge to the Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCG) proposals set out in the five year Path to Excellence report. I think it is fair to say that the work of the committee has been extremely demanding, involving a series of eleven formal meetings and numerous informal information gathering sessions. During these meetings we have looked in detail at all aspects of the proposals and taken evidence from a wide variety of stakeholders. This has been a massive undertaking and has been done to ensure that the CCG is fully held to account. The final response from the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was presented to a meeting of the two CCG boards on 18 January 2018, with a decision being made at a meeting held in public of the CCG governing bodies on 21 February 2018.

The Joint Health Scrutiny Committee will continue to function beyond phase one with a similar role in phase two of the Path to Excellence consultation.

Scrutiny in Sunderland has also made a significant contribution to regional scrutiny arrangements. Throughout the year, the Vice Chair and I have represented the council on the North East Combined Authority (NECA) Overview and Scrutiny Committee which looks at matters of significant importance to residents across the region, focusing particularly on economic development and transport issues.

In conclusion, these are very difficult times for the council and local government. No doubt, the next twelve months will bring further challenges. However I do believe that with the cooperation of fellow members, partners and the support of our officers we will rise to meet these challenges in the year ahead.

I am proud of the achievements of scrutiny in Sunderland during my time as chairman. It has built upon its earlier successes and evolved to meet the new demands and requirements of the council. But fundamentally, at its core, scrutiny has always reflected the desire of members, no matter the political affiliation, to bring about improvement to services for the people of Sunderland.

On a personal note I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to all the members, officers and partners who have contributed to and supported scrutiny and Sunderland City Council over the years that I have been an elected member.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading 'Norma Wright'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Norma' being larger and more prominent than the surname 'Wright'.

Councillor Norma Wright

Chair of the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Scrutiny Arrangements in Sunderland

The democratic governance arrangements in Sunderland consists of the Leader of the Council, Deputy Leader, Cabinet Secretary, five Executive Portfolio holders and five Deputy Cabinet members. The decisions of the Cabinet are held to account by the Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee and three thematic Scrutiny Committees. In addition there are five local Area Committees and Place and People Boards.

What is Scrutiny?

Scrutiny aims to ensure that public services and policies best meet the needs of the residents of the city. It does this through:

- Policy review and development;
- Holding the Council's Executive and its partners to account;
- Investigating issues of local concern; and
- Working with partners to improve services to the local area.

The Scrutiny Model

During 2015-16 the Chair of Scrutiny commissioned an independent review of the scrutiny function in Sunderland, which was subsequently conducted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny with the full cooperation of elected members and key stakeholders. The outcome of this review resulted in a comprehensive remodelling of the scrutiny structure and the formation of one formal, overarching Scrutiny Coordinating Committee and three themed scrutiny committees; namely the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee, the Economic

Prosperity Scrutiny Committee and the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee.

How does scrutiny make a difference?

Scrutiny ensures that decision-making processes are clear and accessible to the public and that the people taking decisions are held accountable for those decisions.

On a regular basis the scrutiny function will add value by investigative questioning of witnesses on the issues within the council's policy framework. The impact of the work of scrutiny will also be evidenced over time by the implementation of its recommendations.

The monitoring of delivery of scrutiny's recommendations over a period time builds up a portfolio of evidence of scrutiny's role in service improvement.

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee



Chair: Cllr Norma Wright
Vice-Chair: Cllr Dianne Snowden

Committee Members: Councillors Darryl Dixon, Alan Emerson, Colin English, Stephen Foster, Bob Francis, Gillian Galbraith, Juliana Heron, Len Lauchlan, Stephen O'Brien, Pat Smith, David Snowden and Karen Waters

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee continues to play an active role in scrutinising and commenting on the council's budget proposals. The committee continues to monitor the council budget, capital programme and medium term finance strategy as a central part of its work programme. A scrutiny budget workshop is also a well-established aspect of the scrutiny budget process and we continue to provide challenge, acknowledging the current financial situation that the council continues to operate within.

Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory duty to produce an annual report with analysis of the level and changes in the patterns of crime and disorder. The Safer Sunderland Partnership Annual Report was presented to the committee in July 2017. The committee queried the data

around the use of public protection orders and this was clarified with additional information provided for council members. It is important to note that on occasion requests will be made for supplementary information to clarify issues, as scrutiny will not simply endorse a report unless members are fully satisfied with its content.

The introduction of quarterly performance reports in the previous year has continued and developed during 2017-18. An important aspect of the committee's work is the continued monitoring of progress against the council's key priorities.

The way the information is presented has been refined, since its introduction in September 2016, based on comments provided by the committee. The monitoring of performance is a key facet of the committee and can help to highlight issues that the scrutiny committees may wish to look at in more detail.

Examination of the performance reports by the scrutiny coordinating committee members led to a request for an update on the impacts of welfare reform across the city and a report was received on partnership activity to help mitigate the impacts of welfare reform.

This information was also shared with the Adults Partnership Board in January 2018, and followed on from previous reports and updates presented to both Adults Partnership Board and Health and Wellbeing Boards.

The committee also receives a quarterly report on the compliments, complaints and feedback received by

the council over the previous quarter. I think all members find this report particularly useful as a measure of the council's performance, in terms of residents and the local population. It is important to understand the trends and themes in terms of complaints which can help to address performance issues and identify key training or resource needs. It is equally important to recognise when we get something right and through the compliments part of the report we are able to recognise areas of good practice.

The committee has also been updated on developments with the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee work on the Path to Excellence, a joint venture with South Tyneside Council. As detailed in other sections of this report this has been a tremendous undertaking to ensure that the clinical commissioning groups are fully held to account and that the joint committee's response is robust, well informed and credible.

To this end the Joint Committee has looked in great detail at all aspects of the proposals of phase one of the path to excellence. The final response from the joint committee was presented to the two CCG governing bodies in January 2018 and the decision on the services under review was made in February 2018.

The Communities and Local Government Select Committee has also held an inquiry into the effectiveness of local authority overview and scrutiny committees and published their findings on Friday 15 December 2017. The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee received a detailed overview of the report and the

findings of the inquiry. We await the government response and will look at any future guidance or regulations in great detail.

The Scrutiny Coordinating Committee has completed another comprehensive work programme that has seen committee members monitor and challenge council performance, budgets and complaints. I am sure the committee will continue to progress its role and ensure a robust scrutiny challenge is present throughout 2018-19.

This only leaves me to thank all my scrutiny colleagues, council officers and partners for their support, hard work and dedication; not only for this year but throughout my time as a scrutiny chair.

Councillor Norma Wright

Chair of the Scrutiny
Co-ordinating Committee

Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Councillor Pat Smith
Vice Chair: Councillor Bob Francis

Committee Members: Councillors Margaret Beck, Richard Bell, Paula Hunt, Julia Jackson, Fiona Miller, Victoria O'Neil, Alex Scullion, Paul Stewart, Mary Turton, Philip Tye.

Co-opted Members: Ann Blakey (Roman Catholic Diocese) and Steve Williamson (Church of England Diocese)

During the year the committee has focused much of its work on examining the progress being made to improve children's services following the critical Ofsted Inspection of 2015 and monitor the performance of the new Children's Trust 'Together for Children'.

This has been achieved by a variety of means. Firstly, the committee has received regular bi-monthly monitoring reports on the performance of Together for Children and closely reviewed the progress being made across the key performance indicators. Central to the success of this process has been the quality of the information and data provided and the committee has

sought to ensure that performance reports are focused, detailed and in a form that allows an informed judgement to be made. The Chief Executive of the Council has also provided an update on the arrangements for the appointment of a new Chief Executive of Together for Children.

The committee has also focused on the increase in the number of young people not in education, employment or training (NEET). To this end we met with representatives from the schools, colleges and voluntary sector and received an update report on the work of the Connexions Service. The committee has also asked for more details on the provision and outcomes for Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) across the city and the implications of any forthcoming local area inspection of SEN arrangements.

The committee has met with a range of partner organisations in order to review the progress being made on the safeguarding of children. The Independent Chair of the Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board spoke about the progress being made by the safeguarding board. The committee has also received updates on the Corporate Parenting Annual Report and the Youth Justice Plan, together with the report of the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) on the number and type of complaints submitted by service users. A central theme of these discussions has been the importance of securing effective joint working and close cooperation between partners as we move toward improving children's safeguarding services in the city.

We have also received a progress report on the Safer Sunderland Partnership Child Exploitation Strategy and an update from the Director of Public Health on the latest position with regard to suicide and self-harm amongst children and young people. Again, encouraging progress has been made on both fronts but more can and needs to be done.

Last year, the committee organised a rolling programme of visits to meet with social work staff to hear at first hand their views on the improvements being made to the service. We have continued these meetings this year.

We feel these meetings have provided a valuable insight into their views and the challenges they face and I feel I speak for all fellow members when I say how impressed we were with the positivity and commitment of the people we spoke to during our visits.

A major priority of the committee has been to make sure that we, and indeed the council as a whole, listen to the voice of young people and take into account their views on the delivery of the services impacting upon them.

During the year two representatives from the Sunderland Youth Parliament have attended meetings of the committee and I feel that they have made a very positive and significant contribution to our meetings. Members of the committee have also had the opportunity to attend meetings of the Youth Parliament, Change Council and Children's Advisory Trust.

With regards to the schools sector, the committee has reviewed the latest figures for educational attainment in our primary and secondary schools. Once again, these were encouraging in the primary school sector, though it is clear that more needs to be done to improve performance at secondary school level.

We look forward to hearing about further progress in the year ahead. The committee also received information regarding pupil place planning and the increasing demands that will be placed on our schools as a result of significant housing growth in areas of our city.

The committee received an update on the arrangements and criteria for the issuing of fixed penalty notices for non-attendance in schools which has been the subject of a high court review and on the growing number of children being educated at home.

The committee was also concerned at the increase in the number of educational exclusions and variations that exists from school to school. We look forward to hearing about further developments in the year ahead.

Clearly, the year has been an extremely challenging and demanding one for the committee, though I hope positive and productive for those involved. I would like to thank all the members of the committee for their contributions and also to thank all of the officers and witnesses who gave up their time to attend and provide insights into the services they provide and the challenges they face.

On a personal note I would like to thank Mrs Rose Elliot, a parent governor representative who left the

Committee during the year. Rose was a long standing member of the committee and I think I speak for all of our members when I say that her insight and experience will be missed.

Councillor Pat Smith

Chair of the Children Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee



Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Councillor David Snowdon

Vice Chair: Councillor Gillian Galbraith

Committee Members: Councillors: James Blackburn, Barry Curran, Michael Dixon, Michael Essl, Ian Galbraith, Elizabeth Gibson, Christine Marshall, Stuart Porthouse, Tony Taylor, Doris Turner.

During the year, a key priority for the committee has been to monitor the progress being made to improve the economic prosperity of the city and deliver the many regeneration initiatives either planned or underway.

At the beginning of the year, the committee was consulted on the contents of the Council's Draft Core Strategy and Development Plan 2015-2023 which will provide the overarching framework for development and growth in the city. As a result of its discussions, the committee asked for further information on the infrastructure work that will be required to deliver the proposals, particularly in relation to roads links, public transport, schools, health and leisure facilities. The committee also requested an update

on the use made of Section 106 contributions and the systems in place for their allocation, as well as the progress being made on the council's Housing Strategy 2017-2022.

The committee once again heard from the Chief Executive of Siglione on the delivery of their plans for the former Vaux site, Seaburn and Chapelgarth and their potential impact on the long term economic prosperity of the city. For the year ahead the committee will continue to monitor progress on the delivery of the schemes.

Another major project being undertaken in the city is the development of the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP). Comprising 260,000 square metres of business space on a 100 hectare site, the IAMP will have a massive impact on the city and region, creating around 5,200 jobs and bringing in around £300m of private investment over the next ten years. Again, the committee heard about the very encouraging progress being made.

Toward the end of the year, the committee received an update on the Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor (SSTC) and took the opportunity to visit the North Spire Bridge. The Committee was most impressed by the scale and innovative engineering techniques involved in the construction of the bridge which should provide a catalyst of economic growth, improve transport links and reduce congestion.

Following on from last year's work programme, the committee received an update on the city's three business centres – Evolve Business Centre,

Sunderland Software Centre and Washington Business Centre. These act to encourage growth in expanding areas of the economy, such as IT and software and help to diversify the local economy as a whole. The committee also heard about the development of the Small to Medium Enterprise (SME) sector in the city and the role of the council's International Strategy in encouraging inward investment.

A long running concern for the people of the city has been the condition and future development of the railway station. The committee therefore asked for a report on the current position. While progress has been slow and depends largely on securing funding from Network Rail, it is hoped that development plans will materialise in the not too distant future. Once again the committee will continue to monitor progress.

It has been another exciting year for arts and culture in the city. The committee heard from the Chairman of the Sunderland Music Art and Culture (MAC) Trust on its role in developing the arts and cultural offer of the city including the refurbishment of the Londonderry pub and the conversion of the old fire station into a music, arts and creative hub and performance venue.

We also received regular update reports on the progress of the City of Culture bid. Members were impressed by the hard work and enthusiasm that went into the formulation of the bid which reached the competitions final stages. While the bid was unsuccessful, the committee heard from the project director on a wide range of projects and initiatives that will nevertheless go

ahead and contribute to the increasing cultural offer of the city.

The committee also received a report on the outcome of the 2017 Sunderland Airshow and the contribution the event made to the local economy. The committee heard that an assessment commissioned for the event had found that the economic impact stood at £15 million with direct net expenditure of £11 million generated for Sunderland's economy.

The committee also has within its remit the provision of environmental services within the city. In April 2017 a new Environmental Policy was introduced following recommendations made from this committee. The committee heard about the progress that had been made since the adoption of the new policy and the additional resources that had been made available for its enforcement. The committee expressed its support for the further development of enforcement initiatives into the future.

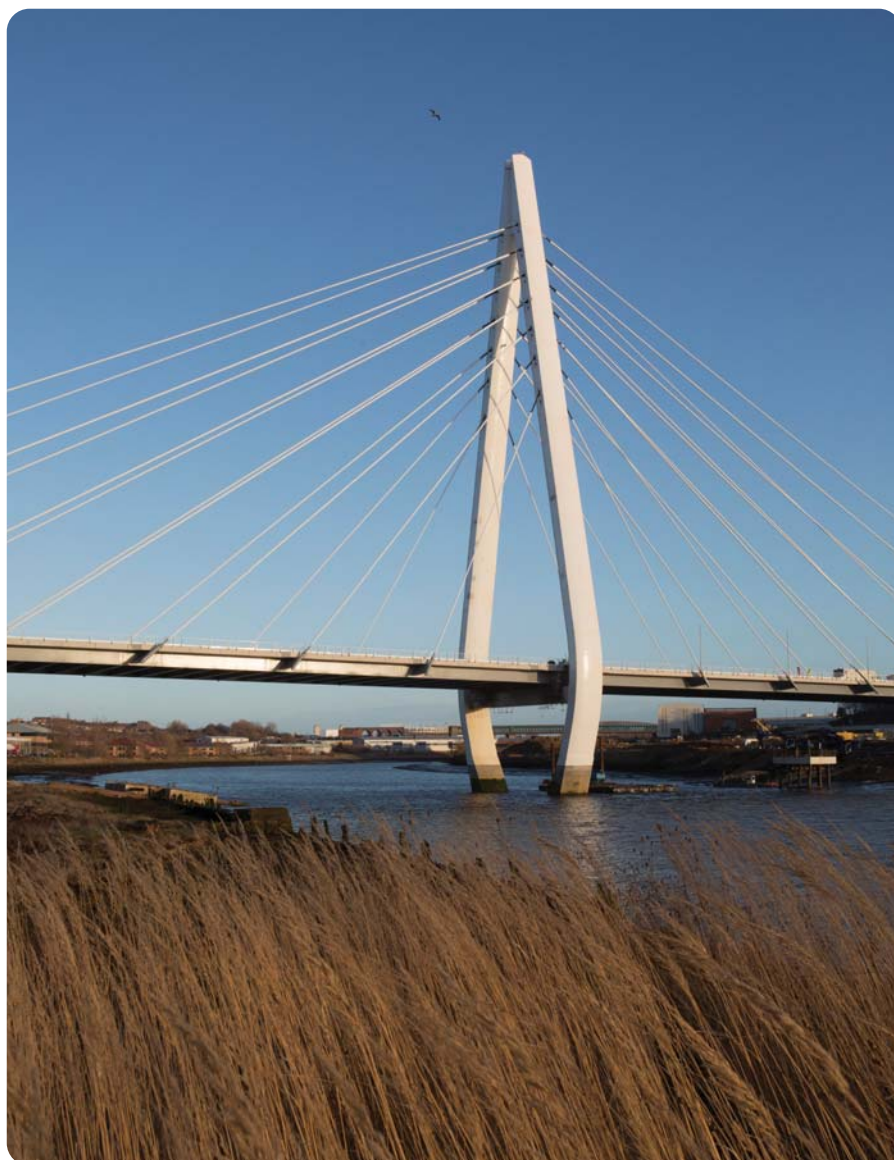
The committee also received details of the progress being made to introduce Public Space Protection Orders (PSPO) in the city centre. These are designed to help address problems such as the consumption of alcohol in public, dog control and nuisance. Once again the committee expressed its support for their introduction and extension to other areas of the city.

All in all, it has been a very busy and productive year for the committee and one that should help provide the foundations for the development of scrutiny in the years ahead. I would

just like to take this opportunity to thank members of the committee and everyone else involved for their hard work and commitment.

Councillor David Snowdon

Chair of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee



Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



Chair: Councillor Darryl Dixon
Vice-Chair: Councillor Juliana Heron

Committee Members: Councillors Kelly Chequer, John Cummings, Ronny Davison, Jill Fletcher, Kevin Johnston, Shirley Leadbitter, Barbara McClennan, Paul Middleton, Dorothy Trueman and Geoff Walker.

It once again gives me great pleasure to be able to introduce to you the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's report. It has again been a very busy year and the committee has looked to build upon the work and progress of the previous year.

The committee has continued in 2017-18 where it left off in 2016-17 with an in-depth look at the state of GP Practices in Sunderland. The committee has, over the last 2 years, been presented with information on practice mergers, branch closures, procurements as a result of contracts ending or being handed back and Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspections of general practice. The committee has looked in detail at the current state of general practice as well as how Sunderland Clinical Commissioning

Group (SCCG) is supporting the sustainability and transformation of local practices in light of the challenges they face. The committee will continue to monitor the situation through regular reporting by SCCG and also from CQC inspections of local practices.

The school nursing service, commissioned by the local authority, delivers a number of mandatory and non-mandatory health interventions in schools across Sunderland.

There have been a range of issues with the delivery of this service and the committee has held a workshop to discuss these issues in addition to receiving performance and progress updates in relation to this issue.

Members of the committee have provided robust challenge around the key issues relating to the school nursing service. The committee continues to monitor the situation and will look forward to further updates in the future as commissioners look to re-commission the service.

The health service landscape continues to change and reconfigure to meet the needs and demands of local populations, against a backdrop of challenging issues including the recruitment and retention of staff and finite resources. With this in mind the committee has looked at two major issues related to this, the first around urgent care transformation and the second around Multispecialty Community Providers or MCP's.

Urgent care is currently too complicated and people want to be able to see a GP when they have an urgent care need. Sunderland CCG has

therefore embarked on a programme of change to ensure that the provision is fit for purpose and the future. The committee continues to monitor and provide challenge to this programme and we will continue to receive progress reports from SCCG.

This is certainly an issue that the committee will keep on its work programme and will continue to provide the requisite response and challenge.

Sunderland CCG believes there is benefit from including and integrating all out of hospital services it commissions into a multispecialty community provider model.

The committee recognises this as a fundamental development in how health services are delivered across Sunderland. Committee members have highlighted a number of areas of concern and will continue to closely monitor the development of the MCP and we will be very interested in the outcomes of both market and public engagement.

It is important that as a health scrutiny committee we develop links with our key health partners and providers and to this end I am pleased to report that we have a good, professional working relationship with Sunderland CCG.

We have also started to develop our relationship with Sunderland's Healthwatch organisation and recently received their annual report at committee. We hope that this is the beginning of a more active relationship and I feel sure that both organisations can benefit from such an association.

The North East Ambulance Service (NEAS) are yet another example of an organisation that the committee would like to develop further links with. The committee are very interested in the ambulance services performance in Sunderland and the impact that winter pressures exert on their resources.

With service re-designs and reconfigurations, Sustainability and Transformation Partnerships (STP's) and MCP's all taking shape it will be critical to understand the ambulance services role in many of these plans. In beginning the conversation with NEAS I feel that the committee is placing itself in a position to be able to do this in the future.

Members continue to receive quarterly progress updates on the care and support provider market which provides awareness of current and on-going issues within the care home market in Sunderland. As a result of these regular updates, members have been proactive in requesting further assurances around the market where there are issues of concern.

It is crucial, as scrutiny members, that we do not disregard the issues that are presented to us but seek assurances that the remedial actions put in place are carried through and result in an improved quality of service.

The committee has conducted a varied and detailed work programme over the past year and the challenges that lie ahead for health services are monumental. The committee will continue to develop relationships and consider the issues facing the health landscape in Sunderland and more importantly such changes will impact local residents.

Finally on behalf of the committee I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members, officers and partners who have contributed to the work of the committee over the year.

It is only through this level of commitment and collaboration that the committee is able to look at the issues in such detail, and I am confident that this will continue in the future.

Councillor Darryl Dixon

Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee



The year ahead

Overview and scrutiny is an integral part of the Council's governance and decision making structure contributing to the Council's budgetary and policy making function as well as holding the executive to account for its actions. This report provides an opportunity to reflect on the experiences for the last year and recognise the challenges we face in the year ahead.

Clearly, the next few years will continue to be challenging for the Council; operating as it does in an environment of diminishing resources and increasing demand for services. For scrutiny it is important that we help the Council to make the best use of the resources available and ensure that frontline services are still delivered to the highest possible standards.

This will not be easy, it is important that the council continues to do everything in its power to help protect our residents from the difficulties that face us.

Another issue of growing importance will be how we can best go about ensuring accountability and a high standard of service from our commissioned services.

For this we will also need to work more closely with our partners and outside bodies to help ensure that as far as possible we safeguard vital services. This is an area where further development is required but that we now have the firm foundations from which to go forward.

The review of the scrutiny function undertaken in 2015 and the subsequent establishment of four formal Scrutiny Committees have helped us to address emerging public concerns in a proactive manner while still ensuring that scrutiny is rigorous enough to hold the executive and

partners to account, monitor performance and contribute to a strengthening of service delivery.

The new model for scrutiny has helped to provide the foundations on which to strengthen its role, develop key relationships and continue to add value to the work being undertaken. Work programmes have become more focused and directed to the key issues facing the city.



Scrutiny on a page

The Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee, the three thematic scrutiny committees, North East Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee (NECA) and the Joint Health Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) tackle a large range of issues over a municipal year. In order to fully appreciate the variety and breadth of the subjects covered, below is an extensive summary of the work of scrutiny in Sunderland.

- Revenue Budget Reviews
- Capital Programme Reviews
- Sunderland APMS Procurement
- Safer Sunderland Partnership
- Children's Services Company
- Corporate Plan
- Performance Reports
- Complaints and Feedback
- Fly Tipping
- Children and Adolescent Mental Health
- Early Years
- Local Authority Designated Officer Report
- Educational Attainment School Results
- Social Work Staff Consultation
- Child Sexual Exploitation Delivery Plan
- Pupil Place Planning
- Special Educational Needs
- Flood Risk Management
- Extra Care Housing
- Review of Housing Allocations Policy
- GP, Pharmacy and Public Health Contracts
- CQC GP Inspections
- CCG Operational Plan
- Better Care Fund
- Care and Support Provider Market Report
- Housing Strategy
- C-Card Update
- Implications for Sunderland of EU Referendum
- Port of Sunderland visit
- City of Culture Progress Report
- Key Cities
- Minster Quarter Masterplan
- International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP)
- Tall Ships Races 2018
- Northern Spire
- Business Centres
- Contributions Policy
- Public Space Protection Orders
- Budget Consultation
- Vanguard – Out of Hospitals Programme
- Mental Health Services for Older People
- Corporate Parenting Annual Report
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- The Path to Excellence (JHOSC)
- Travel Impact Assessment (JHOSC)
- Engagement Methods for Public Consultation on the Path to Excellence (JHOSC)
- Patient experience of stroke, obstetrics, gynaecology and paediatrics to inform clinical service review programme (JHOSC)
- Policy Review on Transport Barriers (NECA)
- Local Growth Fund Programme (NECA)
- NELEP Job Creation (NECA)
- The Devolution Agreement (NECA)
- NECA Budget 2017-18 (NECA)
- NELEP Strategic Economic Plan – Progress Review (NECA)

Scrutiny Committee remits and membership 2017-18

Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

Norma Wright, Dianne Snowdon, Margaret Beck, Darryl Dixon, Colin English, Stephen Foster, Bob Francis, Juliana Heron, Niall Hodson, Doris MacKnight, Pat Smith, Mel Speding, Dorothy Trueman & Doris Turner.

To review and scrutinise the functions of the Council relating in particular to the budget, corporate plan, external assessments, performance monitoring, quality standards and value for money, property and facilities management, information technology, organisational development, workforce strategy, governance, customer service and communications. To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for crime and disorder and flood risk.

Children, Education and Skills Scrutiny Committee

Pat Smith, Bob Francis, Richard Bell, Miles Elliott, Paula Hunt, Julia Jackson, Fiona Miller, Victoria O'Neil, Alex Scullion, Paul Stewart, Mary Turton & Philip Tye also including co-opted members.

Any matter relating to the service performance and commissioning for children, young people and their families including safeguarding and child protection, family support and children's social care, corporate parenting, educational attainment and skills, relationship with schools, youth services.

Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee

David Snowdon, Gillian Galbraith, James Blackburn, Barry Curran, Michael Dixon, Michael Essl, Ian Galbraith, Elizabeth Gibson, Christine Marshall, Stuart Porthouse, Tony Taylor & Doris Turner

Any matter relating to the economic prosperity of the city and the performance of services to support that including physical infrastructure, sector growth & skills, economic vibrancy, safer Sunderland licensing & trading standards, strategic transport, environmental services, libraries, heritage and tourism.

Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

Darryl Dixon, Juliana Heron, Kelly Chequer, John Cummings, Ronny Davison, Jill Fletcher, Kevin Johnston, Shirley Leadbitter, Barbara McClennan, Paul Middleton, Dorothy Trueman & Geoff Walker

Any matter relating to the service performance, service provision and the commissioning of health services for adults and children including adult social care, mental health services, public health, wellness, decent homes. To act as the designated scrutiny committee for statutory purposes for health.

