

LEAD SCRUTINY MEMBER UPDATE: NOVEMBER 2015

JOINT REPORT OF THE LEAD SCRUTINY MEMBERS

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide an update to the Scrutiny Committee regarding the work of each of the six Lead Scrutiny Members and supporting Panels.

2. LEAD SCRUTINY MEMBER UPDATE

Scrutiny Chair and Vice Chair (Cllrs Norma Wright and Dianne Snowdon)

- 2.1 An extraordinary meeting of the Scrutiny Committee was held on Wednesday 21st October to look at both breast cancer and urology services in Sunderland. The meeting was attended by representatives from Sunderland Clinical Commissioning Group and City Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust as well as members of the public. The meeting provided the Scrutiny Committee with some assurances around both services, and the committee also made comments and recommendations based on the information and discussions that took place.

- 2.2 The review of scrutiny has progressed with the report recently presented to the Labour Group and will also be presented to the Conservative Group on the 10th November 2015. Further developments on progress of the review will be reported as and when they become available.

Combined Authority Scrutiny Committee

- 2.3 The NECA Scrutiny Committee met on 20th October in Newcastle. The main items of business were: evidence from Stagecoach for the policy review of transport related barriers to employment and the current position on a Devolution Deal for the north east. The next meeting will be held on 1st December in North Tyneside.

North East Regional Network

- 2.4 The Network met on 9th October in Sunderland. Main items of discussion were: Effective Scrutiny of Health and Social Care Integration and the Transfer of Children's Public Health commissioning from NHS England to Local Authorities and the opportunities and challenges this might present.

Children's Services (Cllr Darryl Dixon)

- 2.5 At a meeting held on 12th October, evidence was taken from South Tyneside Foundation Trust about the services provided by Community CAMHS which is within Tier 2. The service operates from 3 locality teams covering all areas in the city. Discussion focused on waiting lists, referrals, confusion over which service is appropriate including communication to service users and action being taken to improve services.

City Services (Cllr Lynda Scanlan)

- 2.6 At its last meeting, the Panel looked at the way in which street consents can support a vibrant city. Richard Reading, Trading Standards and Licensing Manager outlined the

background to the processes and procedures used for obtaining a licence. Ken Dunbar, Chief Executive of Sunderland BID and Inspector Jamie Southwell were also in attendance to provide their views.

- 2.7 As a result of the discussion, the Panel considered that it was important to review the Council's policy in order to better meet the demands of the 21st century. It also was considered important that partners, including the BID and the police, work closely together in order to ensure that the resulting process is speedy, clear and flexible.
- 2.8 At its next meeting, the Panel will look at the Council's approach being taken to environmental enforcement and the extent to which the enforcement powers available to the Council across a range of areas are being used. Mark Speed (Head of Place Management), Ian Richardson (Assistant Head of Streetscene) and Nicky Rowland (East Area Response Manager) will be in attendance.

Health, Housing and Adult Services (Cllr Jill Fletcher)

- 2.9 The Health, Housing and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel met on Tuesday 20th October with Lynden Langman (Team Manager) and Ben Rosamund (Person Centred Planning Development Officer) to discuss transition processes for child to adult social care services. Members discussed issues around the definition of transition, the process, the experience for young people and their families and how transition is monitored and reviewed.
- 2.10 The next meeting of the HHAS Scrutiny takes place on Tuesday 24th November and Members of the Panel will be visiting examples of houses of multiple occupation (HMOs) and discussing this issue with relevant officers.

Public Health, Wellness and Culture (Cllr George Howe)

- 2.11 The Public Health, Wellness and Culture Scrutiny Panel attended a visit, on the 20th October 2015, in relation to the secondary short review the panel are undertaking (Sexual Health Services in Sunderland) to the Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM) clinic. Representatives from Sunderland Royal Hospital hosted the visit -Joanna Clark, Directorate Manager for Obstetrics & Gynaecology, Andrea Cairns, Junior Sister, and Allison Dye, Unit Manager, Sexual Health Services. They provided a tour of the entire GUM premises including the laboratory, treatment rooms and patient waiting areas and presented information on the services they provide, number of users and of appointment services. The panel then asked questions at the end of the visit related to areas of co-location of the clinics at the hospital. Further information on this will be sourced for discussion at the next panel meeting in November.

Skills, Economy and Regeneration (Cllr David Snowdon)

- 2.12 The Skills, Economy & Regeneration Panel met on 22 October with the main purpose to look at the 6 shortlisted cities and decide on 1 or 2 to study in more detail. Andrew Perkin, Lead Policy Officer for Economy & Sustainability attended the meeting and produced an in-depth report through desk based research on the 6 cities and shared some general observations he felt relevant to the Panel. Andrew Perkin then went on to highlight examples of good practice.
- 2.13 The Panel will continue to explore contacts with Coventry, as well as drawing up a matrix of issues and developments within the 2 chosen cities (Coventry and Hull) and include

Sunderland in order to cross reference points for further research. The Panel will also investigate who are the key local partners and agencies who contribute to the City's regeneration plans as they should be part of any in depth workshop with the Coventry representative.

Responsive Services and Customer Care (Cllr Ronny Davison)

- 2.14 At its last meeting, the Panel met with Liz St Louis, Head of Customer Service and Development in order to discuss the progress being made by the Council's customer services network, how the council makes use of customer satisfaction data and the way this information is used to improve services.
- 2.15 The Panel also undertook a visit to the Customer Services office based in the Civic Centre in order to obtain a first-hand view of its operation.
- 2.16 Following the completion of this review, the Panel will go on to consider the progress being made in implementing of the new powers contained in the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act and the way in which it is impacting on the work of the Council and its partners.

3. CURRENT PANEL MEMBERSHIPS

- 3.1 Non-executive Members have now been allocated to a scrutiny panel; membership of the panels has been decided in accordance with current political arrangements.
- 3.2 A complete membership of the Scrutiny Panels is attached for information at **Appendix 1** of this report.

4. DEDICATED SCRUTINY BUDGET

- 4.1 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.
- 4.2 As of 26th October 2015 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

Description	£
Scrutiny Development	£4,658
Member Development	£898
Policy Review Development	£0.00
Total Expenditure to Date	£5,556
Budget	£15,000
Remaining Budget	£9,444

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee;

- (a) notes and considers the update of the Lead Scrutiny Members and receives, where appropriate, a further verbal update at the meeting;
- (b) notes the current expenditure and remaining scrutiny budget for 2015/16, and

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- Scrutiny Committee Agenda and Papers – 8 October

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE SIX SCRUTINY PANELS

<p style="text-align: center;">City Services</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr Lynda Scanlan</p> <p>Cllr James Blackburn Cllr Michael Essl Cllr Stuart Porthouse Cllr Steven Foster Cllr Margaret Beck Cllr Bernie Scaplehorn Cllr Peter Wood</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Health, Housing & Adult Services</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr Jill Fletcher</p> <p>Cllr Alan Emerson Cllr Rosalind Copeland Cllr Michael Dixon Cllr Shirley Leadbitter Cllr Barbara McLennan Cllr Dorothy Trueman Cllr Paul Middleton Cllr Juliana Heron Cllr Doris Turner</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Children's Services</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr Darryl Dixon</p> <p>Cllr Debra Waller Cllr Doris MacKnight Cllr Anthony Farr Cllr Philip Tye Cllr Jacqui Gallagher Cllr Bob Francis Cllr Karen Waters Cllr Victoria O'Neil</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Skills, Economy & Regeneration</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr David Snowdon</p> <p>Cllr Bob Price Cllr Michael Dixon Cllr Christine Marshall Cllr Mary Turton Cllr Billy Turton Cllr Len Lauchlan Cllr Colin English Cllr Miles Elliot</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Public Health, Wellness & Culture</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr George Howe</p> <p>Cllr Louise Farthing Cllr Fiona Miller Cllr Julia Jackson Cllr Rebecca Atkinson Cllr Richard Bell Cllr John Cummings Cllr Shirley Leadbitter Cllr Geoff Walker</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Responsive Services & Customer Care</p> <p>Lead Scrutiny Member: Cllr Ronny Davison</p> <p>Cllr Betty Gibson Cllr Barry Curran Cllr Iain Kay Cllr Gillian Galbraith Cllr Margaret Forbes Cllr Ian Galbraith Cllr Tony Taylor</p>