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## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

The **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **10.00 am** on **Monday 26 February 2018**.

This meeting will be webcast live and will be available to view via the Council's website.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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**Julie Muscroft**

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## **The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee members are:-**

### **Member**

Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner (Chair)

Councillor Gulfam Asif

Councillor Cahal Burke

Councillor Elizabeth Smaje

Councillor Rob Walker

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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<b>1: Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>	1 - 4
<p>To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 January 2018.</p> <hr/>	
<b>2: Interests</b>	5 - 6
<p>The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.</p> <hr/>	
<b>3: Admission of the Public</b>	
<p>Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.</p> <hr/>	
<b>4: Findings of Commons Select Committee on Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government</b>	7 - 14
<p>To consider the findings of the Commons Select Committee into Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government and identify if there are any areas for further consideration.</p> <p>Contact: Penny Bunker, Governance and Democratic Engagement Manager Tel. 01484 221000</p> <hr/>	
<b>5: Scrutiny Lead Member Reports</b>	15 - 22
<p>To receive highlight reports from the Lead Members of the four Scrutiny Panels on the work of their panels.</p> <p>Contact: Penny Bunker - Governance &amp; Democratic Engagement Manager. Tel: 01484 221000.</p> <hr/>	

## **6: Agenda Plan 2017/18**

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The Management Committee will review its 2017/18 forward agenda plan.

Contact: Penny Bunker, Governance & Democratic Engagement Manager. Tel: 01484 221000.

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## **7: Arrangements for Future Meetings**

- To confirm the date of the next meeting as 12 March 2018 at 9.30am
- To finalise arrangements for an April meeting of the Committee

Contact: Penny Bunker, Governance & Democratic Engagement Manager. Tel: 01484 221000.

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Contact Officer: Steve Copley

## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday 15th January 2018**

Present: Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner (Chair)  
Councillor Cahal Burke  
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje  
Councillor Rob Walker

In attendance: Tom Ghee  
Councillor Peter McBride

Apologies: Councillor Gulfam Asif  
Penny Bunker (Clerk)

**134 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 November 2017 were approved as a correct record.

**135 Interests**

No interests were declared

**136 Admission of the Public**

The Committee agreed that the meeting be held in public session.

**137 Kirklees Local Flood Risk Management Strategy**

Further to the Committee meeting on 18 September 2017, Tom Ghee, Flood Management and Drainage Team, introduced a comprehensive report which described the progress being made with work on those actions and priorities set out in the Kirklees Local Flood Management Strategy, as approved by Cabinet on 15 January 2013.

Appendix 1 to the report provided a summary of the action plan which, following a request made at a previous meeting, had been made clearer to explain the progress being made in delivering the various actions (*Red, amber and green indicators*)

Appendix 2 to the report provided a summary of the flood management initiatives carried out in 2017/18, and a statement on external grant funding over the lifetime of the strategy. This also explained that it was anticipated that similar levels of grant funding will be secured in 2018/19 and beyond, to deliver on further capacity and improvements to the local drainage infrastructure.

In summary, the debate and questions focused on:-

- Progress with the actions, priorities and work associated with the strategy

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- The need for those officers involved in the work on the strategy to work more closely and proactively with colleagues in highways to deliver upon the improvements, schemes and solutions that are still required.
- The development of the approach to gulley cleaning to prioritise those areas and routes which are prone to flooding.
- The opportunities for councillors and local people to work more closely with officers to improve upon the level of understanding of local flood risk within the Kirklees area (*Objective 1*)
- The limitations on the duties and responsibilities of the council to encourage proactive, responsible maintenance of privately owned flood defence and drainage assets (*Objective 8*)
- The progress being made with the new initiatives in Calderdale and Kirklees to maximise the opportunities to reduce surface water run-off from the upper catchment areas to help prevent the risk of flooding in lower lying areas (*Objective 10*)
- How the work on the Kirklees local flood management strategy, a five year strategy approved in January 2013, should progress in 2018

**RESOLVED** - Members of the Committee agreed that:-

- (1). Tom Ghee and Cllr Peter McBride be thanked for their attendance and report for today's meeting
- (2). The Committee would like to see the work on the Kirklees local flood management strategy continue to develop and be refreshed in 2018/19, in view of the changes and improvements which the work on the strategy has created in Kirklees and its surrounding areas in the period since 2013.

Members suggestions included:-

- Review and reappraise the strategy and its priorities and action plan for 2018/19 onwards
  - Consider the key learning points in the period from 2013 to 2018, plus best practice and learning etc. from other local authorities
  - The need for those officers involved in the work on the strategy to work more closely and proactively with colleagues in highways to deliver upon the improvements, schemes and solutions that are still required.
- (3). That a further report on the development of the strategy, the action plan and the priorities for 2018/19 onwards, be shared with the Committee in due course.

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### Agenda Plan 2017/18

The Committee considered the agenda plan noting that the next meeting on Monday 26 February 2018, should focus on the following items:-

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- The work of the West Yorkshire Combined Authority scrutiny function
- Inclusion and diversity strategy – Update on action plan
- Scrutiny Panels – Reports from Chairs (Lead member reports)

**RESOLVED** – That Penny Bunker and the Governance Team re-check that the above mentioned items will be ready for debate at the Committee meeting on 26 February 2018.

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### **Date of Next Meeting**

The Committee noted that the next meeting would take place at 10.00am on Monday 26 February 2018, in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Huddersfield.

**RESOLVED** – That the next meeting of the Committee take place at 10.00am on Monday 26 February 2018.

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<b>KIRKLEES COUNCIL</b>			
<b>COUNCIL/CABINET/COMMITTEE MEETINGS ETC</b>			
<b>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</b>			
Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee			
Name of Councillor			
Item in which you have an interest	Type of interest (eg a disclosable pecuniary interest or an "Other Interest")	Does the nature of the interest require you to withdraw from the meeting while the item in which you have an interest is under consideration? [Y/N]	Brief description of your interest

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

## NOTES

### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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Any contract which is made between you, or your spouse or your civil partner (or a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest) and your council or authority -

- under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and
- which has not been fully discharged.

Any beneficial interest in land which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, have and which is within the area of your council or authority.

Any licence (alone or jointly with others) which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, holds to occupy land in the area of your council or authority for a month or longer.

Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) - the landlord is your council or authority; and the tenant is a body in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest.

Any beneficial interest which you, or your spouse or your civil partner has in securities of a body where -

- (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of your council or authority; and
- (b) either -

the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or

if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, or your spouse or your civil partner, has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

**Name of meeting:** Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

**Date:** 26 February 2018

**Title of report:** The findings of Communities and Local Government Committee Inquiry into Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government

**Purpose of report:**

To set out the findings of the 2017 Communities and Local Government Select Committee into Overview and Scrutiny in local government, for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee. At the time of writing, the formal response of the Government is still awaited.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	not applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <a href="#">Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)</a>	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	not applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	Give name and date for Cabinet reports
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance IT and Transactional Services?	No
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning Support?	Give name and date for Cabinet reports
Cabinet member <a href="#">portfolio</a>	Corporate

**Electoral wards affected:** not applicable

**Ward councillors consulted:** not applicable

**Public or private:** Public

## 1. Summary

In 2017 the Communities and Local Government Select Committee carried out an inquiry into Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government

The Committee considered whether overview and scrutiny arrangements in England are working effectively and whether local communities are able to contribute to and monitor the work of their councils

The Committee called for evidence on the following areas:

- Whether scrutiny committees in local authorities in England are effective in holding decision-makers to account
- The extent to which scrutiny committees operate with political impartiality and independence from executives
- Whether scrutiny officers are independent of and separate from those being scrutinised
- How chairs and members are selected
- Whether powers to summon witnesses are adequate
- The potential for local authority scrutiny to act as a voice for local service users
- How topics for scrutiny are selected
- The support given to the scrutiny function by political leaders and senior officers, including the resources allocated (for example whether there is a designated officer team)
- What use is made of specialist external advisers
- The effectiveness and importance of local authority scrutiny of external organisations
- The role of scrutiny in devolution deals and the scrutiny models used in combined authorities
- Examples where scrutiny has worked well and not so well

Attached to this report is an extract of the conclusions and recommendations of the Committee. A copy of the full report, published on 15 December 2017, can be found at:

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201719/cmselect/cmcomloc/369/36902.htm>

At the time of writing, the Select Committee is still awaiting the formal response of Government to the recommendations

## 2. Information required to take a decision

The main findings of the Select Committee are précised in the table below. Whilst a formal response is still awaited to the recommendations, the Scrutiny Committee may wish to identify areas worthy of more detailed consideration, in the context of practice in Kirklees. It is suggested that such further discussions are scheduled once the formal Government response is available. It may be that consequent amendments are required to the Localism Act to enable some of the recommendations to be implemented.

Section	Issue
Party politics and organisational culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Executive role in Scrutiny meetings</li><li>- The role and appointment of the Chair of Scrutiny</li></ul>
Accessing Information	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Scrutiny Committees ability to access information</li><li>- Barriers to accessing exempt information</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Engaging service users and external experts</li> </ul>
Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Diminished in light of wider reduction</li> <li>- Supported by officers who can operate with independence and provide impartial advice to Scrutiny Councillors</li> <li>- greater parity of esteem between Scrutiny and the Executive, and committees should have the same access to the expertise and time of senior officers and the Chief Executive as their Cabinet counterparts</li> <li>- Statutory Scrutiny Officer post-holder should have a seniority and profile of equivalence to the council's corporate management team.</li> <li>- Statutory Scrutiny Officers should also be required to make regular reports to Full Council on the state of Scrutiny, explicitly identifying any areas of weakness that require improvement and the work carried out by the Statutory Scrutiny Officer to rectify them.</li> </ul>
Member Training and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Appropriateness of training provided by external agencies to Scrutiny Councillors</li> </ul>
The role of the Public	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Clarity about the role of the public in Scrutiny – sufficient resources to be effective</li> <li>- Effective digital engagement</li> <li>-</li> </ul>
Scrutinising Public Services provided by external bodies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Committees must be able to 'follow the council pound' and have the power to oversee all taxpayer-funded services.</li> </ul>
Scrutiny in Combined Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Any future devolution deals, the Government should see Scrutiny as part of the deal</li> </ul>

### 3. Implications for the Council

#### 3.1 Early Intervention and Prevention (EIP)

None specific

#### 3.2 Economic Resilience (ER)

None specific

#### 3.3 Improving Outcomes for Children

None specific

#### 3.4 Reducing demand of services

None specific

#### 3.5 Other (eg Legal/Financial or Human Resources)

None specific however any further work should seek to dovetail and complement the work to implement the findings of Kirklees Democracy Commission

4. **Consultees and their opinions**

5. **Next steps**

Depending on the outcomes of discussions at the Scrutiny Committee meeting there may be further consideration required on specific areas of the Select Committee findings.

There may also be the need to discuss the findings and the implications of the Government response in other parts of governance structures.

6. **Officer recommendations and reasons**

1. That the OSMC note the findings and recommendations of the CLG Committee into Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government
2. That the Committee identify any areas for further work, in the context of practice in Kirklees .

7. **Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations**

Not applicable

8. **Contact officer**

Penny Bunker , Governance and Democratic Engagement Manager  
Tel: 01484 221000

9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**

[www.parliament .uk](http://www.parliament.uk) – communities and local government inquiries page.

10. **Service Director responsible**

Julie Muscroft , Service Director Legal , Governance and Commissioning

# Conclusions and recommendations

## The role of scrutiny

1. *We therefore recommend that the guidance issued to councils by DCLG on overview and scrutiny committees is revised and reissued to take account of scrutiny's evolving role.* (Paragraph 12)

2. *We call on the Local Government Association to consider how it can best provide a mechanism for the sharing of innovation and best practice across the scrutiny sector to enable committees to learn from one another. We recognise that how scrutiny committees operate is a matter of local discretion, but urge local authorities to take note of the findings of this report and consider their approach.* (Paragraph 13)

## Party politics and organisational culture

3. *However, all responsible council leaderships should recognise the potential added value that scrutiny can bring, and heed the lessons of high profile failures of scrutiny such as those in Mid Staffordshire and Rotherham.* (Paragraph 19)

4. *To reflect scrutiny's independent voice and role as a voice for the community, we believe that scrutiny committees should report to Full Council rather than the executive and call on the Government to make this clear in revised and reissued guidance. When scrutiny committees publish formal recommendations and conclusions, these should be considered by a meeting of the Full Council, with the executive response reported to a subsequent Full Council within two months.* (Paragraph 23)

5. *We believe that executive members should attend meetings of scrutiny committees only when invited to do so as witnesses and to answer questions from the committee. Any greater involvement by the executive, especially sitting at the committee table with the committee, risks unnecessary politicisation of meetings and can reduce the effectiveness of scrutiny by diminishing the role of scrutiny members. We therefore recommend that DCLG strengthens the guidance to councils to promote political impartiality and preserve the distinction between scrutiny and the executive.* (Paragraph 25)

6. *It is vital that the role of scrutiny chair is respected and viewed by all as being a key part of the decision-making process, rather than as a form of political patronage.* (Paragraph 27)

7. *We believe that there are many effective and impartial scrutiny chairs working across the country, but we are concerned that how chairs are appointed has the potential to contribute to lessening the independence of scrutiny committees and weakening the legitimacy of the scrutiny process. Even if impropriety does not occur, we believe that an insufficient distance between executive and scrutiny can create a perception of impropriety.* (Paragraph 30)

8. *We believe that there is great merit in exploring ways of enhancing the independence and legitimacy of scrutiny chairs such as a secret ballot of non-executive councillors. However, we are wary of proposing that it be imposed upon authorities by government. We therefore recommend that DCLG works with the LGA and CfPS to identify willing councils to take part in a pilot scheme where the impact of elected chairs on scrutiny's effectiveness can be monitored and its merits considered.* (Paragraph 35)

## Accessing information

9. *Scrutiny committees that are seeking information should never need to be 'determined' to view information held by its own authority, and there is no justification for a committee having to resort to using Freedom of Information powers to access the information that it needs, especially from its own*

organisation. There are too many examples of councils being uncooperative and obstructive. (Paragraph 37)

10. Councils should be reminded that there should always be an assumption of transparency wherever possible, and that councillors scrutinising services need access to all financial and performance information held by the authority. (Paragraph 41)

11. We do not believe that there should be any restrictions on scrutiny members' access to information based on commercial sensitivity issues. Limiting rights of access to items already under consideration for scrutiny limits committees' ability to identify issues that might warrant further investigation in future, and reinforces scrutiny's subservience to the executive. *Current legislation effectively requires scrutiny councillors to establish that they have a 'need to know' in order to access confidential or exempt information, with many councils interpreting this as not automatically including scrutiny committees. We believe that scrutiny committees should be seen as having an automatic need to know, and that the Government should make this clear through revised guidance.* (Paragraph 42)

12. *We note that few committees make regular use of external experts and call on councils to seek to engage local academics, and encourage universities to play a greater role in local scrutiny.* (Paragraph 45)

13. We commend such examples of committees engaging with service users when forming their understanding of a given subject, and encourage scrutiny committees across the country to consider how the information they receive from officers can be complemented and contrasted by the views and experiences of service users. (Paragraph 47)

## Resources

14. We acknowledge that scrutiny resources have diminished in light of wider local authority reductions. However, it is imperative that scrutiny committees have access to independent and impartial policy advice that is as free from executive influence as possible. We are concerned that in too many councils, supporting the executive is the over-riding priority, with little regard for the scrutiny function. This is despite the fact that at a time of limited resources, scrutiny's role is more important than ever. (Paragraph 61)

15. *We therefore call on the Government to place a strong priority in revised and reissued guidance to local authorities that scrutiny committees must be supported by officers that can operate with independence and provide impartial advice to scrutiny councillors. There should be a greater parity of esteem between scrutiny and the executive, and committees should have the same access to the expertise and time of senior officers and the chief executive as their cabinet counterparts. Councils should be required to publish a summary of resources allocated to scrutiny, using expenditure on executive support as a comparator. We also call on councils to consider carefully their resourcing of scrutiny committees and to satisfy themselves that they are sufficiently supported by people with the right skills and experience.* (Paragraph 62)

16. *We recommend that the Government extend the requirement of a Statutory Scrutiny Officer to all councils and specify that the post-holder should have a seniority and profile of equivalence to the council's corporate management team. To give greater prominence to the role, Statutory Scrutiny Officers should also be required to make regular reports to Full Council on the state of scrutiny, explicitly identifying any areas of weakness that require improvement and the work carried out by the Statutory Scrutiny Officer to rectify them.* (Paragraph 65)

## Member training and skills

17. It is incumbent upon councils to ensure that scrutiny members have enough prior subject knowledge to prevent meetings becoming information exchanges at the expense of thorough scrutiny. Listening and questioning skills are essential, as well as the capacity to constructively critique the executive rather than following party lines. *In the absence of DCLG monitoring, we are not satisfied that the training provided by the LGA and its partners always meets the needs of scrutiny councillors, and call on the Department to put monitoring systems in place and consider whether the support of committees needs to be reviewed and refreshed. We invite the Department to write to us in a year's*



time detailing its assessment of the value for money of its investment in the LGA and on the wider effectiveness of local authority scrutiny committees. (Paragraph 76)

## **The role of the public**

18. *The Government should promote the role of the public in scrutiny in revised and reissued guidance to authorities, and encourage council leaderships to allocate sufficient resources to enable it to happen. Councils should also take note of the issues discussed elsewhere in this report regarding raising the profile and prominence of the scrutiny process, and in so doing encourage more members of the public to participate in local scrutiny. Consideration also need to be given to the role of digital engagement, and we believe that local authorities should commit time and resources to effective digital engagement strategies. The LGA should also consider how it can best share examples of best practise of digital engagement to the wider sector.* (Paragraph 82)

## **Scrutinising public services provided by external bodies**

19. *Scrutiny committees must be able to monitor and scrutinise the services provided to residents. This includes services provided by public bodies and those provided by commercial organisations. Committees should be able to access information and require attendance at meetings from service providers and we call on DCLG to take steps to ensure this happens. We support the CfPS proposal that committees must be able to 'follow the council pound' and have the power to oversee all taxpayer-funded services.* (Paragraph 90)

20. *In light of our concerns regarding public oversight of LEPs, we call on the Government to make clear how these organisations are to have democratic, and publicly visible, oversight. We recommend that upper tier councils, and combined authorities where appropriate, should be able to monitor the performance and effectiveness of LEPs through their scrutiny committees. In line with other public bodies, scrutiny committees should be able to require LEPs to provide information and attend committee meetings as required.* (Paragraph 96)

## **Scrutiny in combined authorities**

21. *We are concerned that effective scrutiny of the Metro Mayors will be hindered by under-resourcing, and call on the Government to commit more funding for this purpose. When agreeing further devolution deals and creating executive mayors, the Government must make clear that scrutiny is a fundamental part of any deal and that it must be adequately resourced and supported.* (Paragraph 104)

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<b>Scrutiny Lead Member Report</b>	
<b>Lead Member:</b> Cllr Cahal Burke	<b>Panel:</b> Children's Scrutiny Panel
<b>Period of Update:</b> From 27 <sup>th</sup> November 2017 to 26 <sup>th</sup> February 2018	
<p><b>Panel Highlights</b></p> <p>The Children's Scrutiny Panel met on 18<sup>th</sup> December and 29<sup>th</sup> January during the above period. The main highlights from the meetings were:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>A visit to the Drop in Centre</b></li> <li>• <b>Kirklees Safeguarding Children's Board Annual Report</b></li> <li>• <b>Ofsted letter following October visit</b></li> <li>• <b>School Transport (SEN)</b></li> <li>• <b>Q2 Performance Monitoring</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Outcomes:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Panel had previously requested more meaningful Corporate Performance information, to allow members to understand improvements and areas of concern. However, this is work in progress and will be available in an improved format at a future meeting.</li> <li>- The Panel were invited to attend a future KSCB meeting. Following consideration of the KSCB annual report, Panel members will be visiting Duty &amp; Advice (previously MASH) to explore how the new front door arrangements are working in practice. Panel members will also visit a meeting of Head Teachers and Governors to explore their experience of accessing social work advice. Dates to be confirmed.</li> <li>- The Panel will visit a children's home. Date to be confirmed.</li> <li>- The Panel will request that any future School Transport Policy (SEN) return for consideration before implementation.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Monitoring Work</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- The Elective Home Education ad-hoc is ongoing and will report regularly to the Panel.</li> <li>- Panel will continue to receive regular updates following Ofsted visits.</li> <li>- The Panel will continue to receive minutes from the Improvement Board and Corporate Parenting Board.</li> <li>- Sheila Lock, KSCB Chair to be invited to return to update the Panel at 6 monthly intervals.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Looking Ahead</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Cllr Donna Bellamy will now be the scrutiny representative at the Improvement Board.</li> <li>- The Panel have been asked to consider the new Children &amp; Young People's</li> </ul>	

- Plan and it will be considered at the meeting in April.
- SEND – anticipated Ofsted visit.

Panel meeting 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018

- School Transport (mainstream)
- EHE update
- SEND initial briefing
- Q3 performance monitoring

**General comments**

Cllr Kendrick is working closely with senior officers to ensure good quality information is provided to the Panel to enable Members to effectively scrutinise the work of Children's Services.

**Scrutiny lead member report - February 2018**

**Lead Member:** Rob Walker – Economy and Neighbourhoods Panel

**Period of Update :** First report (18 Sept to 27 Nov 2017) and second report (28 Nov 2017 to 26 Feb 2018)

**Panel Highlights**

***(a). Recap - Summary of the things which we included in the first report***

***4 Oct – First Panel meeting*** - First formal meeting of the Panel. Agreement that the topics to consider and prioritise were:-

- 1. Housing*
- 2. Transport*
- 3. Towns and communities*

***7 Nov – Second Panel meeting*** – Presentation on state of nation in terms of housing issues. Discussion highlighted several topics for consideration and/or further attention.

- Age designation and the letting of properties (Allocation of properties etc)*
- The availability and demand for supported housing*
- The provision of more affordable new homes*
- The condition and regulation of private rental accommodation*
- Homelessness*
- The infrastructure required to support housing development*

*The Panel agreed that it should probably consider focusing its attention on:-*

- The availability and demand for supported housing*
- Plans for the review of the housing allocations policy by 31 March 2018*
- Opportunities to improve upon the current figures for the actual delivery of affordable new homes for purchase or rental, having considered the total number of planning permissions granted in the period from 2007 to 2016.*

**(b). New things for this second Lead Member report**

**6 Dec – Briefing meeting with Cllrs Bolt and McBride** - To help discuss and shape the presentations on transport for the Panel meetings on 18 Jan and 15 Feb 2018.

**14 Dec – Third Panel meeting** – Presentation on the demand for and supply of supported housing in Kirklees.

Members also suggested establishing an informal reference group – consisting of members of the panel – to allow members and officers to meet again to:-

- Follow up on the issues raised in the debates on housing in Nov and Dec 2017
- Track progress with the actions that should follow on from the announcements on housing in the Chancellors budget statement on 22 Nov 2017
- Follow up on the issues raised in the debate on supported housing and the actions and tasks which officers are planning to undertake

**Late Jan 2018** – Opportunity for members of the Panel to visit the extra care housing schemes at Sandymount, Crosland Moor and Meadow Green and Meadow Green Lodge, Heckmondwike (Cllrs Judith Hughes and Rob Walker participated in the visits)

**18 Jan – Fourth Panel meeting** – Presentation and good cross party discussion on the key issues facing the development of the transport links in Kirklees and West Yorkshire, focusing in particular on our local rail links, including plans for the:-

- Development of the rail franchises (2023/2025)
- Trans Pennine upgrade scheme, including plans for the electrification of the route (TRU) (2025)
- High speed rail link (HS2) (2033)
- Northern powerhouse rail link (NPR) (2046)
- Other local rail issues e.g. the need for the improvement of local stations, the need for more car parking and the increased use of the Huddersfield to Sheffield line “*The Penistone line*”
- The agencies that are involved in making the decisions for these various schemes and ventures to progress – Department for Transport, Network Rail, Highways England and HS2 Ltd.

The discussion also led to a suggestion that Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail, be invited to meet with members of the Panel on 15 March 2018 – for a further informal discussion – on how these developments will impact on our local rail services and our towns and villages.

**5 Feb – Adults and Public Health Portfolio Briefing meeting** – Meeting with Cllr Cathy Scott to discuss how to follow up on the discussion on extra care housing and plans to convene the first meeting of the informal housing reference group in February 2018.

**15 Feb – Fifth Panel meeting** – Further presentation on the key issues facing the development of the key transport links in Kirklees and West Yorkshire, focusing in particular on our local road links.

**19 Feb - Economy Portfolio Briefing meeting** – Plans to meet with Cllrs McBride and Mather, plus Karl Battersby, the new Strategic Director for Economy and Infrastructure, to discuss the work of the Panel to-date, plus potential items for the work programme in 2018/19.

**Outcomes to-date:**

**Housing**

- Raised awareness and understanding of the key issues which members and officers need to consider in 2018
- Identification of key issues for further attention e.g. supported housing
- Proposed creation of informal housing reference group to consider a number of issues, but starting with how to deal with the demand for and supply of more supported housing.

**Transport**

- Raised awareness and understanding of the key issues which members and officers need to consider in 2018. Informal and private meeting with Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail, due to take place on Thursday 15 March 2018. Invites for the meeting will be extended to other key KMC councillors too.

**Monitoring Work**

Details of the Q1 and Q2 reports to be shared with members of the panel in Dec 2017.

Details of Q3 and Q4 reports will be shared with members of the Panel, when they become available in February 2018 and May 2018.

**Looking Ahead**

**15 Mar – Sixth Panel meeting** - The draft agenda for the Panel will include:-

- The Panel and its work programme – Review of progress with items and work for 2017/18, and potential items for 2018/19
- Kieran Dunkin, Network Rail – for an informal discussion – on how the major rail developments will impact on our local rail services and the towns and villages.

**General comments**

Cllr Rob Walker – 6 February 2018

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**Scrutiny Lead Member Report**

Lead Member: Cllr Liz Smaje Panel: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update : From 28 November 2017 to 14 February 2018

**Panel Highlights**

(Include examples of pre decision work, scrutiny getting out and about, etc.)

Lead member briefings with:

- Public Health
- Greater Huddersfield and North Kirklees CCGs
- Locala
- South West Yorkshire Partnership Foundation Trust

Panel Meetings and follow-up

- Informal panel meeting 1 December 2017 to discuss the Wellness Model Draft Specification and proposed performance measures.
- Panel meeting 12 December 2017. Items discussed included: Kirklees Joint Strategic Assessment (KJSA); Kirklees Health and Wellbeing Plan and Better Care Fund
- Panel meeting 16 January 2018. Items discussed included: Update on the financial positions of Greater Huddersfield CCG, North Kirklees CCG, Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS Trust and Calderdale & Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust; Wheelchair Services in Kirklees; Winter Pressures in Kirklees; and an update on Tuberculosis (TB) in Kirklees.
- Panel meeting 13 February 2018. Items discussed included: Update from Locala; Kirklees Suicide Prevention Action Plan; and an update on Integration of Health and Adult Social Care.

**Outcomes:**

( Summarise the value scrutiny has added by looking at the issue(s) and any recommendations )

The Panel has made a number of suggestions and recommendations to improve the quality of services to patients and users of NHS commissioned services. This has included an agreed set of actions with Greater Huddersfield and Calderdale CCGs on wheelchair services that are designed to significantly improve user experience.

**Monitoring Work**

(If monitoring previous recommendations please identify what difference Scrutiny has made)

The Panel received a further update at its January meeting on TB in Kirklees and the actions that are being taken to reduce the incidence of TB across the district.

This is a long standing area of work and the Panel was pleased with the work that is being done by Public Health and have confidence that the action plan is robust

enough to strengthen TB control.

The Panel agreed that no further actions were required.

### **Looking Ahead**

(What are the next issues the Panel plans to look at?)

At the March meeting the Panel will be considering the Adults Care Offer Consultation; looking at the work that has been done by Locala to address the Panel's recommendations on the proposed changes to Podiatry Services; and will be presented with the Kirklees Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2016-17.

Other issues coming up include a discussion with the Care Quality Commission (CQC) on the state of care in Kirklees and the final review of the 2017/18 Work Programme and plans for 2018/19.

### **General comments**

The Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Yorkshire and the Humber) met on 12 January 2018. The Committee was presented with details of NHS England's final decisions on the commissioning of congenital heart disease services for adults and children across England.

The Committee also discussed its work, key activities and outcomes since it was formally established in 2011. Members agreed to recognise the work of the Committee as an excellent example of joint health scrutiny arrangements. It was also agreed that the work of the Committee had finished and would cease to be operational at the end of the current 2017/18 municipal year.

## Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

### Agenda Plan 2017/18

#### Membership:

<b>Councillor Julie Stewart Turner</b>	<b>Chair of Overview and Scrutiny</b>
<b>Councillor Gulfam Asif</b>	<b>Lead Member Corporate</b>
<b>Councillor Cahal Burke</b>	<b>Lead Member Children</b>
<b>Cllr Liz Smaje</b>	<b>Lead Member Health and Adult Social Care</b>
<b>Cllr Rob Walker</b>	<b>Lead Member Economy and Neighbourhoods</b>

**Officer Support: Penny Bunker**

<b>Date of Meeting</b>	<b>Issues for Consideration</b>	<b>Officer Contact</b>
Monday 3 July 2016 Meeting Room 1	Appointment of Co-optees - 2-018.18 Overview and Scrutiny 2017/18 Schedule of Meetings for OSMC	Penny Bunker

<p>Monday 18 September 2017</p> <p>Council Chamber</p>	<p>Statutory Meeting – Update on Preparation for Winter Flooding (10.30)</p> <p>Approval of Panel Work Programmes</p> <p>Lead Members Update report</p> <p>Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p> <p><b>Informal:</b></p> <p>Bus gates evaluation report (pre decision scrutiny)</p> <p>Scrutiny Panel – Busgates</p> <p>Council decisions timeline plan</p>	<p>Tom Ghee Cllr Peter McBride</p> <p>Lead Members</p> <p>Lead Members</p> <p>Paul Kemp / Richard Hadfield</p> <p>Penny Bunker/ Cllr J Stewart- Turner</p> <p>Jacqui Gedman</p>
<p>Monday 27 November 2017</p> <p>Council Chamber</p>	<p>Statutory Meeting – Crime and Disorder - Kirklees Gangs Strategy</p> <p>Leader / Deputy Leader portfolio priorities (11.00 )</p> <p>Update on Regional Issues</p> <p>Lead Member update reports</p> <p>Request to Establish Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel</p> <p>Appointment of Scrutiny Co-optee</p> <p>Arrangements for Future Meetings / Work Programme</p> <p><b>Informal:</b></p> <p>Proposed amendments to Call In process</p>	<p>Carol Gilchrist</p> <p>Cllr D Sheard / Cllr S Pandor</p> <p>Cllr D Sheard ( Nick Howe)</p> <p>Lead Members</p> <p>Cllr Cahal Burke</p> <p>Penny Bunker</p> <p>Penny Bunker</p> <p>Penny Bunker / Sam Lawton</p>

	Scrutiny Communication / New Year Bulletin  Joint Portfolio Briefings Update	Penny Bunker  Penny Bunker
Monday 15 January 2018  10.30 a.m. Council Chamber HTH	Flood Risk Management Plan and progress against action plan (Statutory meeting 2)  <b>*Meeting to be followed by at 12.30 by Co-optee Gathering</b>	Cllr McBride / Tom Ghee
Monday 26 February 2018  10.00 a.m.  Council Chamber HTH	Findings of Commons Select Committee on Overview and Scrutiny in Local Government  Lead Member Reports  Work Programme - finalise March / April meeting arrangements  Informal : Briefings Guidance Note (draft) OSMC Action log	Penny Bunker  All Lead Members  Penny Bunker
Monday  12 March 2018  Council Chamber HTH  <b><u>9.30 start</u></b>	The work of the Combined Authority Scrutiny function (9.30) ( Cllr Light to attend for this item)  Statutory Meeting (2) – Crime and Disorder (10.00) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Safety Plan / local crime indicators</li> <li>• Ward Councillors involvement in community cohesion</li> <li>• Prevent</li> </ul> Corporate Approach to Performance Management (11.00)  Lead Members Update reports (tbc)	Cllr Robert Light  Cllr Shabir Pandor/ Carol Gilchrist  Rachel Spencer Henshall

April 2018  (Date tbc)	Inclusion and Diversity Strategy – Action Plan Update (TBC)	Cllr G Turner/ David Bundy
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