

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Chair of Overview and Scrutiny: Cllr Julie Stewart-Turner

Period of Update : From 18/9/17 to 17/11/17

Chair Highlights

My highlight has been observing the standing panels: It has been helpful to keep up with the range of issues being tackled, and enjoyable seeing so many people making a constructive contribution to the work of the panels.

My next highlight was seeing Council's appreciation of Scrutiny reports; it feels like Scrutiny has come a long way in the past 3 years.

Outcomes:

N/A

Monitoring Work

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

N/A

Looking Ahead

I have had some discussions about Regional Decision making, Prevent and Community Cohesion, and these items have been added to the forward work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee .

I have also been continuing to develop positive relationships between Scrutiny and senior officers, and will be attending Council Management Group in January 2018.

General comments

I am continuing to challenge the Chief Executive about the forward plan for decisions, to help with Scrutiny's forward planning, and raise awareness of the benefits of pre-scrutiny. I'm also inviting the Leader and Deputy Leader to join the Chief Executive and me at our future briefings.