Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Julie Stewart-Turner Panel: OSMC

Period of Update: From 26/2/12 to 04/4/18

Panel Highlights

(Include any pre decision work, examples of scrutiny getting out and about,

Call Ins

Corporate Governance and Audit Panel agreed the Call In Process with minor changes. Officer recommendation a. was changed so that it is not a requirement for the Lead Signatory to a Call In to demonstrate steps take to raise / resolve concerns prior to the Cabinet decision being called in – it was changed to 'may set out, where appropriate, any steps taken' All other items were agreed as recommended.

Lead Member Briefing

David Sheard and Shabir Pandor, joined us for my regular briefing with Jacqui Gedman and Julie Muscroft. We discussed Comms, and the Scrutiny Team are working on developing this further. We also discussed the Select Committee report, and the Lead Member Briefing note, plus the work programme

Urgent Decisions

I've agreed for one urgent decisions to be taken during this period: a change of contractor to large project in Dewsbury

Performance Monitoring

Penny and I met with Rachel Spencer-Henshall and Mike Henry, to go over in more detail what we would like regarding performance monitoring data, and intelligence regarding issues on our work programmes. We should receive a paper outlining process to date, and future aims in the new municipal year.

CMG

I'm doing a presentation to CMG on April 5th

Outcomes:

(Summarise the value scrutiny has added by looking at the issue)

Constitution will be changed to reflect changes to the Call In process.

Monitoring Work

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

I've been able to attend a couple panels to try and keep up with panel work programmes: Health and Adults on 13th March, and Neighbourhoods on 15th March. Corporate on 8th March had to be cancelled due to weather, and is rescheduled for April 19th, so I intend to sit in at that meeting, and I'm looking forward to the Children's Panel on the 16th.

General comments

I recognise that the Scrutiny Officers have been under pressure this year, but they have all performed very professionally, and they are a great asset to us all.