

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Julie Stewart-Turner

Panel: OSMC

Period of Update : From 13 April 18 to 17th August 2018

Panel Highlights

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

I did a presentation to CMG on 5th April, to try and build confidence in Officers to work with Overview & Scrutiny, and overcome some of the negatives that have built up over the past few years. The atmosphere was very good, and the response since the presentation has been very positive. The Chief Exec also reported positive feedback during our meeting in May.

On 12th April, Penny, Carl and I did some training about Overview & Scrutiny at Selby Council, and the feedback on the day was very positive.

Since our last Lead Member reports, we've had the Local Elections, and the Annual Meeting of Council, which re-established the Scrutiny Panel structure, and it was good that all the Panels could get started early in the new municipal year.

Penny and I met with Chief Exec, Deputy Leader and Monitoring Officer on 24th May, for a general update. Cllr Sheard asked that we have a look at the Safety Camera Partnership, so I've had a read of the feasibility study. It's an ambitious goal for West Yorkshire, and I think we could ask how the restructuring of CCTV in Kirklees might align to the long term goals.

The Scrutiny Team have been working on the Annual Report, which will be reported to the September Council meeting. I would like all Lead Members to be able to have some input at the meeting.

Penny has been leading on the development of our website pages, and we met with an IT Officer on 8th August to finalise details.

As Community Safety lead for Scrutiny, I was invited to sit in on interviews for the new Safer Kirklees Manager, but sadly, no appointment could be made.

Outcomes:

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

Annual Report has been completed and is to be presented to Council on 12th September

Website pages are almost completed and can be seen at

<http://development.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/your-council/overview-and-scrutiny.aspx>

Monitoring Work

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

Met with Mike Henry, Head of Intelligence and Performance, at end of May. I'm very pleased with the work he's doing to restructure performance monitoring across the Council. We now have a centralised, independent performance unit, and work to create the new framework is making good progress. It will be very outcome focussed. When the new system is up and running, we can have a presentation on it at OSMC. I've said to Mike that the full performance reports can be used during Lead Member briefings, and highlight reports can go to your full panels. That unit can also help with panel work programmes, if you want some alternative perspectives on issues.

We had a meeting with Carol Gilchrist and Ali Alma on 25th June to go over Cohesion & Integration Strategy, which we'll be discussing in more detail at the September OSMC

I met with Eamonn Croston on 25th July to go over the Finance Training provided to the Corporate Panel.

Looking Ahead

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

Include update on CCTV at our January meeting, and schedule a presentation of performance reporting asap.

We need to keep pushing on the communications.

We need to start the recruitment process for 2019-20 Co-optees

General comments