

**Scrutiny Lead Member Report**

Lead Member: Cllr Gulfam Asif      Panel: Corporate Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update :    From January to April 2019

**Panel Highlights**

Further to previous discussions of the progress being made in relation to the procurement strand of the Council's Transformation Programme, which had assisted the Panel in deciding where to focus its interest, an interactive Procurement Workshop was held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. This had been very useful in increasing knowledge of the role and approach to procurement and Members found the opportunity to talk to the Category Managers, in particular, to be very helpful.

A Training Session by the Local Government Association and the Centre for Public Scrutiny on Commercialisation scheduled for 27<sup>th</sup> March unfortunately had to be postponed due to circumstances outside the Panel's control. Work is underway to ensure that this is included within the calendar for the Panel early in 2019/20 with attendance being extended to include as many Members of Council as possible.

The Panel has had an increased focus on the scrutiny of corporate finance this year which have been the catalyst for several constructive discussions.

On 12<sup>th</sup> April, the Panel will consider a full agenda of items:

- An update on the Health and Wellbeing strand of the Kirklees People Strategy, which was launched in November 2017, and how staff are being supported to be healthy and well in the workplace. This follows on from the update which focussed on the 'Development' strand, to the Panel meeting in October 2018.
- Councillor Graham Turner, the Cabinet Member for Corporate has been invited to attend the meeting to provide an update on the progress made on his priorities for the 2018/19 Municipal Year, which were outlined to the Panel at the meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019.
- The Panel will also receive a report in respect of the key highlights from the Quarter 3 Financial Monitoring Report 2018/19, as reported to Cabinet on 19th March 2019, and other key financial management updates.
- Finally the Panel will receive a further update in respect of procurement; including activities in relation to social value/ local wealth building and the implementation of the new procurement operating model.

**Lead Member Briefings**

7/3/19 – Catch up with Rachel Spencer-Henshall and pre-briefing for the 12<sup>th</sup> April meeting. Revised approach introduced whereby early briefing held and then draft reports provided for the Lead Member prior to despatch.

***Recommendations Issued***

- The Panel will be asked to comment and provide feedback on the social value and procurement measures.
- Comments and suggestions are invited from the Panel on how the offer and model of delivery of the Employee Healthcare Unit might be further improved.
- Potential aspects of corporate finance to be identified for further exploration/scrutiny through 2019-20.

**Looking ahead**

The Panel will be receiving a training session from the LGA on Commercialisation in the new Municipal Year and will open this up to other Members.

**Work Programme Highlights**

Panel Member attendance is good and participation within the meetings is productive.