

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Chair of Scrutiny: Cllr Julie Stewart Turner

Panel: OSMC

Period of Update : From Dec 2019

to April 2019

Panel Highlights

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

I took part in workshops on 17th and 21st January with potential Voluntary Co-optees, and all had good perspectives, and experience to offer us. Thank you to Rob who joined in on 17th January.

Penny and I had a meeting with Vicar of Lindley about statutory co-optees for Children's Panel, and she has pledged to help find suitable representatives to join the panel in the new municipal year.

I attended a JHSC in February, my last one. It seems that there is still a long journey ahead, and the panel will need new representatives to continue the work in the new municipal year.

Penny and I had a briefing with Leader and Chief Exec on 18 February , where we discussed the current Joint Heath Scrutiny activity, the OSMC recommendations to Cabinet and the appointment of new voluntary co-optees.

I've attended Corporate Governance & Audit, in my role as Chair of Scrutiny.

Penny and I had a briefing with Officers regarding Supporting Communities

Penny and I had a briefing with Officers about WYCA Skills Commission

I was frustrated that we didn't get to provide an update to Full Council in March, the third time this year we planned to, and Council ran out of time. I circulated what I wanted to say to all Councillors via email, and I've had some surprisingly positive responses.

Outcomes:

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

New team of co-optees, with valuable experience, to support all panels.

Support to find a Diocesan representative for Children's Panel

The new work stream for Supporting Communities is in the early stages of development, and Scrutiny has the chance to be involved early, and offer constructive challenge.

The WYCA Skills Commission work is at its first stage of gathering evidence, and Scrutiny will have the chance to track the work, and to support Officers to influence the work for the benefit of Kirklees Citizens.

Monitoring Work

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

Looking Ahead

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

I have my final briefing with the Chief Executive on 10th April.

General comments

I'm disappointed to hear some briefings have been cancelled, and want to remind Lead Members that it is their responsibility to organise them, and attend them.

Thank you to the Officers who support the Overview & Scrutiny process, they put in a lot of time and effort, and are very professional in all they do.