

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Gulfam Asif Panel: Corporate Scrutiny Panel

Period of Update : From May to August 2018

Panel Highlights

03/07/2018 meeting

The Scrutiny Panel received an update on the Corporate Plan for 2018-20 from Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Strategic Director for Corporate Strategy & Public Health. The key shift in terms of emphasis and approach was the move from “New Council” to “We’re Kirklees”.

The Panel also set their work programme for the forthcoming municipal year.

The Panel moved into informal session to receive some finance training from the current Section 151 Officer, Eamonn Croston. The training was opened up to all scrutiny panel members and the feedback from those in attendance was extremely positive. Cllr Graham Turner highly commended the content of training and The Panel will be taking up the issue of finance training for Members as part of their finance work programme as it is felt that the training would be of huge benefit to all Elected Members and should be included as part of the new cllr induction.

23/07/2018 informal meeting

The Panel gave consideration to Library Review Consultation Report, produced by QA research, and Carol Stump provided a verbal overview of the key findings. The report will be considered by Cabinet at their meeting on 21/8/18.

A further meeting with the Corporate Scrutiny Panel has been arranged for 24/9/18 where the next steps will be discussed.

Lead Member Briefings

13/6/18 – Items discussed:

- Potential work programme items with Strategic Director for Corporate
- Q4 Performance Monitoring

9/7/18 – Libraries Review – Cllr G Turner, Carol Stump & Sue Richards

15/8/18 – Transformation (Procurement) – Jane Lockwood & Julie Muscroft

Recommendations Issued

In relation to the Corporate Plan:

- that the Live in Kirklees survey be shared with the Panel before its next distribution and the Panel incorporate a discussion on citizen engagement as part of this item;
- that the Panel recommend that, as part of the Corporate Plan’s communication and engagement plan, the profile of Kirklees should be developed by using the different districts as a key selling point

Looking ahead

Panel Meeting – 31/8/18

The Panel will receive an update on the progression of the procurement project which is a strand of the Transformation Programme from Jane Lockwood,

Procurement Strategy and Advice Manager, and Julie Muscroft, Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning. The Cabinet Member will also be in attendance to highlight his priorities for the forthcoming municipal year.

General comments

We have plenty of work ongoing and both officers and the Cabinet Member are engaging well with the Panel.