

Kirklees Council

Scrutiny Lead Member Report

Lead Member: Cllr Julie Stewart-Turner

Panel: OSMC

Period of Update : From 3 September 18 to 18th December 2018

Panel Highlights

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

It's been a quieter quarter for me, relating to Overview & Scrutiny.

I attended a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 9th November. I raised the issue of domestic abuse with them, and the need for more investment in preventative services. The feedback was good on the day, but I've heard nothing since. We are seeking copies of their forward plans to enable us to contribute constructively into the work of the Police and Crime Panel.

Outcomes:

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

We've had two bulletins go out to Councillors and Officers to help keep people informed of the work we are doing, so these seem to be back on track.

I had an urgent meeting to agree an urgent decision to be taken regarding Pioneer House, which was really just a technical issue.

Monitoring Work

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

I've only had one briefing with the Chief Executive and Leader, due to diary pressures. I've had adhoc meetings with Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Julie Muscroft, a couple of Scrutiny Members and Officers just to check different items are on track.

I've only managed to sit in on a couple of a couple of scrutiny panels to observe, and I'm pleased with the way the panels are developing.

I took part in a meeting of the JHSC.

Looking Ahead

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

We have our annual gathering with our Co-optees on 7th January, and it would be nice to see Lead Members there to interact with them. The recruitment process for our new pool of co-optees is underway.

General comments

It will be sad to lose two of our long standing Scrutiny Support Officers, and wish

them well in their new jobs. I'm grateful to the Officers covering panels in the short term till our new Officers are in place.