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## KIRKLEES COUNCIL

### OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**Monday 7th January 2019**

Present: Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner (Chair)  
Councillor Gulfam Asif  
Councillor Cahal Burke  
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje  
Councillor Rob Walker

In attendance: Councillor Naheed Mather – Cabinet Member,  
Communities and Environment  
Carol Gilchrist – Head of Communities  
Chris Walsh – Performance Lead – Communities  
Lee Hamilton – Safer Kirklees Manager  
Inspector Lee Carlson – West Yorkshire Police  
Will Acornley – Head of Operational Services  
Liz Twitchett – Operations Manager  
Rachel Spencer-Henshall – Strategic Director Corporate  
Strategy, Commissioning and Public Health  
Mike Henry – Head of Intelligence and Performance  
Penny Bunker – Governance and Democratic  
Engagement Manager

#### **41 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**RESOLVED** - The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 November 2018 were agreed as a correct record.

The Committee ratified the wording of two recommendations in respect of employee networks and promotion of domestic abuse support, for submission to Cabinet for consideration.

#### **42 Interests**

No interests were declared

#### **43 Admission of the Public**

The Committee agreed that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

The Committee further agreed to consideration of a late urgent item on Kirklees representation on the Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Working Group.

#### **44 Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan 2018 - 2021**

The Scrutiny Committee considered an update on the progress made in delivering the priorities set out in the Kirklees Communities Partnership Plan 2018-2021. Councillor Naheed Mather, Cabinet Portfolio Holder, Carol Gilchrist, Head of

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Communities, Chris Walsh, Performance Lead – Communities, Lee Hamilton, Safer Kirklees Manager and Inspector Lee Carlson of West Yorkshire Police attended for this item. The Management Committee noted that the Partnership Plan was produced on a three yearly basis to coordinate partnership working to make Kirklees Communities Safer and more cohesive.

The current partnership plan was divided into four outcome themes which were:

- Reducing crime
- Tackle anti-social behaviour
- Protecting people from serious harm
- Improving place

The partnership plan set out the key issues to be addressed within each of the theme areas, how they would be delivered and how the effectiveness would be measured. The plan reflected the Safer Kirklees approach of a preventative focus and early resolution of issues. In addition to the plan the Committee received a written update on the work underway to develop action plans to underpin the delivery of the strategy.

The Management Committee discussed the approach to supporting young people at risk of escalating to anti-social and criminal behaviour. Workshop work in schools was outlined together with the intention of the Police and Crime Commissioner to expand work to support vulnerable people including young people. The Management Committee considered it important that there was a joined up approach to ensure that as many schools as possible took advantage of the support offer.

In discussing how elected members could share information regarding activity within their communities, there was concern that the work of the previous neighbourhood management groups had left a gap in councillor awareness and the opportunity to input local intelligence. Carol Gilchrist explained that there was work underway to talk to councillors about different approaches to communication. Councillor Smaje suggested that where there was a particular problem within a ward and officers were meeting with partners to discuss the issue then councillors should be invited to be part of the meeting so they could input information and understand what the approach would be to addressing the issue. Councillor Mather agreed to look in more detail at what was suggested with a view to being clear on the intentions to work with ward councillors.

The Management Committee recognised that there was a resource issue in replicating the previous NMGs approach. Councillor Asif stressed the importance of getting accurate information into communities to prevent social media myths from being cascaded within communities and distorting the facts.

Councillor Stewart-Turner supported the intention to develop interventions that were sustainable and take account of what works locally, ensuring that local people are at the heart of this through building community capacity. Councillor Stewart-Turner emphasised the need for council policies to join up to ensure that where local people were part of the solution, contradictory policies did not hinder progress.

### RESOLVED –

- (1) That Councillor Naheed Mather and officers be thanked for attending the meeting and reporting on the delivery of the Kirklees Partnership Plan.
- (2) The Committee recommended that when meetings are held between council officers and partners to consider specific community issues within a ward, then Ward Councillors should be invited to attend to contribute local intelligence and to be aware of any agreed actions and way forward.

#### 45 **Update on CCTV Operation in Kirklees**

The Committee considered a report which provided an update on the Council's CCTV and out of hours operations which were part of economic resilience work. A copy of a report to Cabinet from April 2017 was included to provide background to what had been approved to date.

It was noted that the Council was committed to creating a resilient 24 hour centre at Civic Centre 3 with services moving from Flint Street into Civic 3 once necessary works had been completed. Phase 1 had been completed in November 2017 with the Council's CCTV service and Kirklees Direct out of hours team merging to create the new 24 hours service team. The budget for the 24 hour service was being maintained until additional funding streams could be secured to take forward the remaining works. It was anticipated that this would happen in Summer 2019. Will Acornley, Head of Operational Services and Liz Twitchett, Operational Manager attended the meeting to answer the Committee's questions.

The Committee welcomed the report and the evidence that progress was being made in this area. The Committee continued to explore issues of coverage of CCTV cameras and the need for 24hour monitoring. It was indicated that some cameras were available for 24 hours but it was intended to expand capacity and a replacement schedule was being considered.

Councillor Asif commented that with the increase of domestic CCTV the options for agreeing with private citizens that camera footage could be made available in some circumstances as part of the network coverage, should be explored. It was suggested that some sort of database of cameras could be developed. In response Mr Acornley suggested that there were complexities related to general data protection regulations, however with the current cooperation between partner agencies it was possible to live track an individual.

When considering the statistical information Liz Twitchett advised the Committee there were 152 CCTV cameras around the Kirklees district and in 2017 912 arrests had resulted from the support provided through CCTV.

The Committee continued to explore the updating of cameras, using Huddersfield Town Centre as an example. Ms Twitchett explained that there was a full maintenance contract which meant that all cameras were serviced every year and

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that was supported by a replacement programme. There was currently no budget allocation to update or provide additional cameras. Councillor Stewart-Turner asked how CCTV could be used in environmental crime and Mr Acornley said there was open spaces CCTV in use, for example on bin wagons etc and the Council was in the process of looking at a mobile system for fly tipping hotspots. A new mobile CCTV vehicle was also in operation, with a particular environmental focus.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) The Committee thanked Will Acornley and Liz Twitchett for the update on the approach to CCTV in Kirklees.
- (2) That a further progress report be considered by the Management Committee in 6 months time.

### **46 Scrutiny of Corporate Performance Reporting**

The Management Committee received a copy of the Quarter 2 Corporate Performance Report in order to consider the new format and approach to performance information and consider the future approach to scrutiny of the information.

In considering the Quarter 2 report, members welcomed the ability to see what the Council was achieving as well as identifying areas where attention was being focused. Some members of the committee welcomed the pictorial information whilst others found it difficult to understand.

The Committee agreed that it would be appropriate for Panel Lead Members to meet with Intelligence and Performance Leads to look at the areas that fell within each Scrutiny Panel's remit and identify what might be appropriate for Panels to consider and look at in more detail.

Councillor Smaje said it was difficult to identify timeframes from the information and it would be helpful if new information was highlighted. There was a discussion about the need for Scrutiny to have the information in a more timely way so that it was not out of date before Scrutiny Members had the opportunity to consider it. It was agreed that officers would look at these issues.

Councillor Walker identified that there was no reference to the inclusive growth group within the performance report and it was suggested that this was a high priority for the Council Leader and should be incorporated. The Committee also thought it would be helpful if documents that were referenced within the report could include an electronic link for readers who wished to look in more depth at an issue.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Committee recognises the hard work that has been required to start to implement a revised approach to corporate performance management and commends the progress made.

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- (2) That Lead Members meet with performance leads in their panel portfolio areas to agree how they wish to scrutinise performance information.
- (3) That the Scrutiny Committee continues to maintain an overview of progress in implementing the new approach with a further update in six months.

### 47 Scrutiny Lead member Reports

The Management Committee considered progress reports from each of the Scrutiny Panel Lead Members and the Chair of Scrutiny.

In respect of the Children's Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Cahal Burke updated on the ongoing Ad Hoc Scrutiny Panel work to look at Elective Home Education in Kirklees. He also reported on recent work to look at Special Educational Needs and Disabilities which had included discussions with parents in venues across Kirklees. An additional meeting to receive an update on the progress in tackling child sexual exploitation in Kirklees was being scheduled as soon as possible.

Councillor Smaje highlighted issues from the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel work programme including the discussion on winter pressures and a meeting to look at Foetal Alcohol Syndrome. It was noted that the issue had been raised by a member of the public who was very grateful that the Scrutiny Panel had chosen to look at the issue in Kirklees. The discussion resulted in a number of recommendations to Health Commissioners. The Committee noted that the next meeting of the Calderdale and Kirklees Joint Health Scrutiny Committee was likely to be in February 2019.

Councillor Asif updated on the work of the Corporate Scrutiny Panel which had included an overview of the Council's People Strategy and an update on the progress made in relation to the agreed recommendations of the Democracy Commission. Councillor Asif informed the Committee that the Local Government Association was going to deliver a workshop on commercialisation in Local Government early in 2019. Councillor Asif wished to place on record his thanks to Alaina McGlade for her help and support with the Scrutiny Panel prior to moving to a new post in another Council service.

Councillor Rob Walker highlighted the work of the last two months of the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny Panel which had included looking at the Economic Strategy and starting to look at strategies for town centres, in particular Huddersfield and Dewsbury. Councillor Walker identified that it would be difficult to look at smaller towns this year but his intention was that the issue would roll forward into 2019/20. In December the Panel had looked at the draft Green Space Strategy and received an updating on rough sleeping and the Council's Severe Weather Emergency Protocol. The Green Space Strategy reflected not just the Council's view but also representation from Natural Kirklees and groups with a green focus.

Looking forward the Committee would be returning to the refresh of the Kirklees Economic Strategy and inclusive growth and social value to consider the progress made. The Panel would also look at the Homelessness and Rough Sleeping

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Strategy consultation which would be considered by Cabinet in February before presentation to Council in March. The Panel was planning an initial presentation on the current position regarding Waste Minimisation in Kirklees, as a baseline for future Panel work.

Councillor Asif raised issues regarding food waste policies and consideration of waste minimisation as part of the development of new homes. Councillor Walker indicated that these issues were part of the scope of the work of the Panel.

Councillor Stewart-Turner reported on her activities as Chair of Scrutiny for the previous quarter. This included attendance at the Police and Crime Panel where the issues of Domestic Abuse discussed at the Management Committee were highlighted including the questions around funding for regional perpetrator programmes.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) That the Scrutiny Lead Member and Chair of Scrutiny progress reports be welcomed and noted.
- (2) That thanks be recorded for the work of Alaina McGlade and Yolande Myers for providing excellent support to scrutiny panels prior to their move to new roles in the council.

### **48 Forward Agenda Plan / Date of next meeting Committee meeting dates 2018/19**

The Committee noted arrangements for the remaining meetings which would be held on Monday 4 March and Monday 15 April 2019. It was decided given the volume of items of the agenda that the March meeting would start at 9.30am.

### **RESOLVED –**

- (1) The Committee noted the forward agenda plan and revisions since the last meeting.
- (2) That the next Committee meeting be held on Monday 4 March 2019 starting at 9.30 a.m.

### **49 Urgent Item**

The Committee agreed to consider a late urgent item which sought Kirklees representation for the Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Working Group. It was noted that there were two Kirklees representatives on the existing Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee which had now decided to establish a Working Group to look at specific issues.

**RESOLVED** - That Councillor Liz Smaje be approved as the Kirklees representative on the Regional Joint Health Scrutiny Committee Working Group for the remainder of the municipal year.