

REPORT TITLE	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS' REPORTS
REPORT OF	THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE CHAIRS

REPORT SUMMARY

This report provides Members of the Council with an update on the work carried out by each of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The report includes contributions from each of the Committee Chairs covering the period since the previous report presented to council on 15 October 2018. Members of Council are requested to note the contents of the report set out in section 3 below.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to consider the contents of the report and whether they have any questions for the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1.1 To update Council Members on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees and to provide an opportunity for Council Members to ask questions on the activities undertaken.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 N/A

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

ADULT CARE AND HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIR'S REPORT

- 3.1 Since the start of the municipal year, the Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee have agreed and established a dynamic work programme, and have continued to ensure effective scrutiny through cross-party working and a partnership approach.
- 3.2 The newly re-established Health and Care Performance Panel met for the first time in October. This meeting gave Members a chance to examine the improvement plans of Wirral Community NHS Trust and Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Trust, and seek assurance that they are on track to address recently highlighted CQC compliance concerns. A work programme for the Panel has been agreed, with full feedback reports from the Panel due to be presented to each future Adult Care and Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee.
- 3.3 In addition to this, Members had previously underlined a need for risk to be considered more as part of scrutiny and, as a result, a workshop was held in October to develop Members understanding around risk management. This session was well attended, with risk subsequently incorporated into annual work programming and scrutiny review documentation.
- 3.4 Although there has not been an ordinary meeting of the Committee since the last report to Council, a special meeting was convened in November in order to scrutinise the Urgent Care Consultation process. This has been a key focus for the Committee over the last two years, and Members welcomed the opportunity to interact with commissioners on a major issue that has potential to affect residents across Wirral. The meeting enabled an animated debate, alongside witness opinions and a considerable turnout from members of the public.
- 3.5 The Urgent Care review will continue to form a significant part of the Adult Care and Health work programme over the coming months, with a joint Scrutiny Committee

with Cheshire West and Chester Council planned amongst a series of expected officer updates.

- 3.6 Looking forward, the Committee will continue to hold the Council's health partners to account and anticipate that updates will be provided to the Committee on local delivery of the Five Year Forward Plan and the musculoskeletal integrated triage service, as well as a focus on scrutiny of integrated commissioning arrangements.

Councillor Julie McManus

BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIR'S REPORT

- 3.7 The Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee has not met since the last update to Council on 10th October. However, scrutiny activity from the Committee is ongoing and these updates are detailed below.

- 3.8 At the Committee meeting on 4th July, a Task & Finish Scrutiny Review on 'Camper Vans' was agreed to be added to the work programme and this piece of work has now commenced. The Review Panel's objectives are:

- To understand the current issues around campervan parking on Wirral; with particular focus on resident concerns and environmental impact.
- To help inform the development of an all-encompassing campervan policy for Wirral, including potential affiliation with the Culture and Visitor Strategy.
- To contribute to a series of recommendations to ensure the effective management of campervans at coastal locations, and across Wirral.

- 3.9 As an outcome from the Business O&S meeting on 4th July, it was agreed by officers to introduce an 'Experimental Traffic Regulation Order' as a result of the camper vans parked along a stretch of King's Parade in Wallasey; the impact of this Regulation Order will be measured as part of the review.

- 3.10 A scrutiny workshop on the latest developments of Wirral Waters has also now convened. This workshop was open to all Overview & Scrutiny Committee members. The workshop allowed Members to discuss these developments with both council officers and representatives from Peel Holdings. A report of the workshop has been published and is to be discussed at the Committee meeting on 28th November.

- 3.11 The Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee retains oversight of the ongoing developments of the Liverpool City Region and the work of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. A number of scrutiny workshops are scheduled, including:

- Pre-decision scrutiny of the Housing Strategy
- EU Funding Post Brexit
- Tourism, Culture and Marketing the City Region
- The Effectiveness of Careers Education and Advice Activities

3.12 Once completed, the outcomes of these scrutiny workshops will be reported back to Overview & Scrutiny Members in Wirral to ensure Members are aware of the local impact as well as across the City Region.

Councillor Pat Hackett

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIR'S REPORT

3.13 The Children & Families Overview & Scrutiny Committee has met once since the last chairs report. The Committee has continued receiving updates on the Improvement Journey as a standing item, presented by the Corporate Director for Children's Services, Paul Boyce. In anticipation of the Improvement Board being disbanded, Committee has added the monthly Data Tracker currently received by the Improvement Board. This is a snapshot of live data from the performance dashboard and will be included in each subsequent Improvement Journey Update.

3.14 The Safeguarding Annual Report came to Committee in November and Dr Maggie Atkinson, Independent Chair of the Wirral Safeguarding Children Board (WSCB), introduced her presentation summarising the WSCB Annual Report 2017/18 and priorities for 2018/19.

3.15 An item on Future Safeguarding Arrangements was presented to the Committee by Ian Hassall, Paul Boyce and David Robbins, (Manager of the WSCB). The presentation explored the progress made for the eventual replacement of the WSCB with a Multi-Agency Safeguarding Arrangement (MASA). The purpose of the item was to scrutinise the new proposals as well as to provide some forethought as to where scrutiny would fit into the new safeguarding arrangements to hold the MASA to account.

3.16 The Committee's programme of 'Reality Check' visits continues, however, a visit has not taken place since the last Chair's Report. Instead, a report detailing the progress made against areas that were highlighted at previous visits came to Committee. Four reports were produced by the lead officers for each department; MASH, Early Help, Leaving Care and the Performance Dashboard.

3.17 A workshop was held in October to discuss Children and Young People's Mental Health Provision in Wirral, specifically 'Future in Mind' and CAMHS. Members found the workshop informative, and a reciprocal agreement was made to ensure Scrutiny is also kept up to date with future arrangements.

3.18 On 12th November, Members of Children & Families OSC were invited to attend a special meeting of Adult Care & Health OSC to look at Wirral CCG's Urgent Care Consultation. Members of Children & Families OSC were invited to ask questions pertaining to the consultation.

- 3.19 A number of 'Reality Check' visits were agreed to by the Committee, who expressed an interest in visiting partner organisations. The next 'Reality Check' visit is expected to look at Health Partners and their responsibilities toward looked after children. Committee has also expressed an interest in a visit to the Police.
- 3.20 A workshop/spotlight session on the new safeguarding arrangements due to replace the current LSCBs will be held. The intention will be to gather comments from Members on the proposed new model. This will also give scrutiny a chance to ensure effective processes are in place to hold these new arrangements to account.

Councillor Tom Usher

ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIR'S REPORT

- 3.21 A Task & Finish scrutiny review on Modern Slavery has just been completed and is scheduled to go to the Committee meeting on 29th November. The review identified the need for Wirral to respond to Modern Slavery, including developing an appropriate strategy/policy. It was pleasing for the Members undertaking the review to be presented with a draft strategy to consider as part of the final report.
- 3.22 A Task & Finish scrutiny review on Recycling has now commenced. The objectives are to understand the current waste management system in Wirral; to identify where improvements can be made to enhance performance; further understand the requirements of the Resources and Waste Strategy and look at the impact this will have for Wirral Council. The scrutiny review will also consider how Wirral can develop marketing campaigns to encourage waste prevention and recycling behaviours.
- 3.23 The first evidence session is scheduled for 3rd December and the second is scheduled for early January 2019 with a final report expected to be presented to Committee in March 2019.
- 3.24 At the previous Committee meeting held on 20th September, the terms of reference for the Wirral Flood & Water Management Partnership were agreed. The terms of reference for the WF&WMP seek to establish a formal link with Wirral Council's Overview & Scrutiny function and to provide appropriate governance and elected member oversight of local flood and coastal erosion risk management activities. It was agreed that the Chair and Party Spokespersons would represent scrutiny on the partnership and it is anticipated that the first meeting will be scheduled for February 2019. Appropriate updates will be provided at Committee meetings moving forward.

Councillor Tony Jones

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are none arising from this report.

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

6.1 There are none arising from this report.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

7.1 There are none arising from this report.

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

8.1 N/A

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 None - the report is for information only.

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APPENDICES – N/A

REFERENCE MATERIAL – N/A

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to Council	15 October 2018
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to Council	19 March 2018
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to Council	11 December 2017
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to Council	16 October 2017
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's	20 March 2017

Report to Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to Council	19 December 2016
Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chair's Report to Council	17 October 2016
Scrutiny Annual Report to Council	11 July 2016