

# COUNTY COUNCIL

Meeting date: 10 January 2019

From: Chair of Scrutiny Management Board

## SCRUTINY UPDATE REPORT

### **1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

**1.1** *This report updates Full Council on the work of Scrutiny and any issues and developments that have occurred since the last meeting of Full Council.*

### **2.0 ISSUES FOR FULL COUNCIL**

**2.1** *Members are asked to:*

- *Note recent activity undertaken by Scrutiny.*
- *Note the work programme provided as Appendix One.*

### **3.0 BACKGROUND**

**3.1** In this report the Chair of Scrutiny Management Board would like to advise Members of the following issues:

**3.2** Scrutiny Work Programme

**3.3** Members are invited to note the Work Programme presented as Appendix One to the report.

**3.4** Additional Scrutiny activity:

**3.5** Additional activity that has taken place since the last update to Council or key activity that is underway is noted below:

- All non-executive Members were invited to a Scrutiny Strategic Planning session on 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Members heard from the Deputy Leader of the Council and senior officers about the approach to financial sustainability. Views were shared on the approach to savings for 2019/20; how future savings could be made; and how Scrutiny could be engaged in the future.

- Scrutiny made its response to Cabinet on 20<sup>th</sup> December on the budget consultation. Three recommendations were made all of which were agreed.
- Scrutiny Management Board last met on 22 November and considered progress with delivery of the Sustainable Procurement Strategy.
- The Communities and Place Board last met on 20 November and considered the IRMP, area working, Borderlands and the Local Industrial Strategy.
- Children and Young Peoples Board met on 7<sup>th</sup> December. Key issues for discussion were an update on the Children's Improvement Plan, the Children and Young People Plan and School attainment.
- Health Scrutiny met on 18<sup>th</sup> December and discussed items including learning disabilities and mental health services, digital records and the potential merger between Cumbria Partnership Foundation Trust and North Cumbria University Hospital NHS Trust
- The Adults Board last met on 10<sup>th</sup> October and considered day services and adults safeguarding

### 3.6 Performance Working Group

3.7 The Performance Working Group last met on 9<sup>th</sup> October to consider the Quarter 1 corporate performance report and performance with permanent exclusions. The Group will meet again in January to consider Quarter 2 performance with the Council Plan Delivery Plan.

### 3.8 Call Ins

3.9 No Call Ins have been received since the last meeting of Council.

## 4.0 **CONCLUSION**

4.1 The Boards continue to explore key issues for the Council in order to provide scrutiny and challenge. The Work Programme will be kept under review so that key issues can be considered in a timely manner to support the Council deliver its priorities.

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## **APPENDICES**

### **Appendix 1 - Scrutiny Work Programme**

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