



Report to Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Meeting Date 17 April 2024
Key Decision No
Public/Private Public

Portfolio Cross Cutting
Directorate Cross Cutting
Lead Officer Nik Hardy, Assistant Chief Executive

Title **Committee Update Report and Work Programme**

Summary: To provide Members of Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC) with an overview of matters related to the committee's work. The report also sets out this year's work programme for the committee.

Recommendations: It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:

1. Note items on the most recent Forward Plan of Key Decisions.
2. Note progress on resolutions from previous meetings
3. Note the draft work programme for 2023/24.

Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	Place OSC 17/04/2024
Council:	N/A

1. Background

1.1. The Cumberland Constitution (Part 3, Section 5 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules) sets out that Overview and Scrutiny committees will consider the following items at their meetings:

16 PROCEDURE AT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETINGS

16.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee shall consider the following business:

- 16.1.1 minutes of the last meeting;
- 16.1.2 declarations of interest (including whipping declarations);
- 16.1.3 consideration of any matter referred to the Committee for a decision in relation to call in of a decision;
- 16.1.4 responses of the Executive to reports of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee;
- 16.1.5 Councillor's Call for Action; and
- 16.1.6 the business otherwise set out on the agenda for the meeting.

1.2. The minutes of the last meeting are considered as a separate agenda item and the Chair will seek declarations of interest at the start of each scrutiny meeting. This Scrutiny Update Report will provide detail on references to the Committee, responses of the Executive and any Councillors Call for Action.

2. References to Place Scrutiny Committee

2.1. None

3. Councillors Call for Action

3.1. None

4. Responses of Executive to Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee

4.1. None

5. Progress on Resolutions from Previous Meetings

5.1. The following table sets out the meeting date and resolution that requires following up. The status is presented as either "closed", "pending" (date expected), or "outstanding". An item is considered outstanding if no update or progress has been made after three panel meetings. All the completed actions will be removed from the list following the meeting.

	Meeting date	Item	Resolution	Status
1	06/09/2023	PLOS.20/23 Housing Introduction – Overview of Responsibilities	2) That the Senior Manager Housing would liaise with Environmental Health to provide the Committee with further information on the timescales for dealing with complaints about damp and mould.	Complete

			4) That the Assistant Director Public Health and Protection would provide the Committee with more detailed information on the breakdown of the complaints received as detailed in the presentation.	Complete
2	06/09/2023	PLOS.21/23 Empty Properties	3) That the Director of Place, Sustainable Growth and Transport provide the Committee with further information regarding empty commercial properties within town centres.	Complete
3	01/11/2023	PLOS.28/23 Borderlands Inclusive Growth Deal	5) That the Committee conduct a Scrutiny Review on the topic of public transport.	Pending
4	03/01/2024	PLOS.37/23 Economic Development – Strategic Issues and Opportunities Overview	4) That the Policy and Scrutiny Officer arrange for some information on the reprofiling of HS2 funding within the Council area to be provided to the committee.	Complete (verbal update at Place OSC transport workshop 28/02/24)
5	28/02/2024	PLOS.43/23 iSH Enterprise Campus Development	3) That performance measures be for the project be developed for future reporting to the Committee. 4) That the Programme Manager circulate to the Panel the performance measures submitted with the two funding bids associated with the iSH project.	Pending Pending

6. Forward Plan of Key Decisions

6.1. The most recent Forward Plan of Key Decisions is published on the Cumberland Council website, covering the period 1 May 2024 to 31 August 2024:

[Browse plans - Executive, 2023 | Cumberland Council \(moderngov.co.uk\)](https://www.moderngov.co.uk/council/plans-and-proposals/2023/11/23/2024-05-31-2024-08-31)

6.2. The following decisions fall within the remit of Place Scrutiny Committee:

Issue	Decision Maker	Details
To award contracts or expend funding to subsidise or support bus services in Cumberland	Executive 23/04/24 – 04/06/24	Cumberland Council has been awarded £2.5m from the Department of Transport in relation to bus services to target actions that will deliver the best overall outcomes
Waste collections service review	Executive 04/06/24	To consider the options and agree a single operating model for Cumberland for each

		of the waste streams collected at the kerbside both domestic and commercial.
Tullie House Business Plan	Portfolio Holder- Vibrant and Healthy Places	To consider the Tullie House Business Plan
Draft Public Space Protection Order (PSPO) for Cumberland	Executive 13/02/2024 – 04/06/24	To agree to the commencement of a public consultation on a draft Public Space Protection Order for Cumberland.
Citadels Project - Cumberland Council (English Street/Victoria Viaduct) Compulsory Purchase Order 2023	Executive 04/06/24	Executive will be asked to give their approval to the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order to facilitate the delivery of the Citadels project
Climate and Nature Strategy	Executive 04/06/24	To adopt the Climate and Nature Strategy
Proposed Repairs to James Street and Turkish Baths – Award of construction contract	Director of Business Transformation and Change	
Award of Contract – 2 stage design and build – Cargo Cycleway	Director of Business Transformation and Change	To approve the award for a 2 stage design and build contract for Cargo Cycleway
Borderlands 5G Innovation Regions Programme Procurement	Joint Executive Committee 14/05/24	To seek delegated authority to award a contract valued up to £10m for the procurement of specialist advanced wireless services to support the Borderlands 5G Innovation Regions Programme.

7. Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2023-24

- 7.1. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs have been working with Policy and Scrutiny Officers to develop the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report that is required to go to full Council each year.
- 7.2. Each Chair has provided comments on the work of their committee over the past year. The report also provides an introductory section on the purpose of overview and scrutiny, an update on overview and scrutiny activity in 2023-24, scrutiny development work and a forward look to Overview and Scrutiny priorities for 2024-25. The priorities for 2024-25 were highlighted as being: strong work planning, continued development of scrutiny skills and good practice and building the role of scrutiny in policy development.
- 7.3. Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs agreed the report at their informal Scrutiny Chairs meeting on 22 March. The report will go to Council on 30th April.

8. Work Planning

- 8.1. A robust work programme is important for scrutiny. Work planning activity will take place across the year to ensure that the work programme remains up to date.
- 8.2. Work planning meetings have taken place between relevant Directors and the Place Committee Chair and Vice Chair. The draft work programme is provided at Appendix A. Scrutiny Members are asked to consider this work programme in the context of key decisions that are on the Forward Plan and any references to scrutiny and comment on this.

9. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

- 9.1. This report provides an overview of matters related to the committee's remit. The report also sets out the draft work programme. Members are asked to consider the recommendations in order to ensure that scrutiny activity remains effective and focussed on Cumberland Council's strategic priorities.

Implications:

Contribution to the Cumberland Plan Priorities - Effective scrutiny plays an important part in the delivery of the Council Plan priorities.

Relevant Risks - None directly associated with this report.

Consultation / Engagement – n/a

Legal – Not required. Report for information only.

Finance – Not required. Report for information only.

Information Governance – Not required. Report for information only.

Impact Assessments – Not required. Report for information only.

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Appendices attached to report:

- Appendix A – Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Background papers:

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government Act 1972 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers:

- None