

Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Scrutiny Annual Report



North Tyneside Council

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1. Chair's Foreword

This has been a very fulfilling year for overview and scrutiny in North Tyneside. The committee has changed its name to reflect the policy development role of overview and scrutiny. A number of matters of interest and concern have been investigated by the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee and its seven sub committees and these are laid out within this report.

With cross party representation and maintaining the role of a critical friend, the committees have found ways to influence and help shape policy within North Tyneside. We are all members with our Elected Mayor and Cabinet and are here to serve all of the people of North Tyneside with our energies, coming together with ideas and looking at depth into topics. This is a truly responsive and listening Council and open and transparent in its delivery. This adds value to working with our residents and communities about matters that impact and matter to them and their families.

The residents of our borough are at the heart of all we do and this is reflected in the work of scrutiny. We continue to work with our partners and other stakeholders to evidence what is happening on the ground to develop our strategies and thoughts to make 'Our North Tyneside' a great place to live, work and visit.

I take great pleasure in presenting this report and would like to thank all who have contributed to the overview and scrutiny work programme during the past year. The committees and scrutiny groups, with their elected members, church and parent governor representatives, and the involvement of health bodies, the police, and other external agencies give of their time willingly. They are well placed to assist in the formidable task ahead; with year on year less central government resources and increasing demands on our services.

I would also like to thank our Democratic Support Officers and other officers who provide us with information to help us make recommendations and proposals. They are very professional in their approach and been a great help to all with their support and guidance.

This year I have been part of the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee helping to develop scrutiny work streams focussing on transport and economic development. The committee are coming together in a positive way to help the newly formed Combined Authority with their work with the LEP. I would like to thank Viv Geary and business support for their briefings and advice during this embryonic and exciting stage. To fight for the North East and resources we need to work together for the people of our region to make their lives and business opportunities the best we can, in perhaps presenting the North East case for devolution.



Councillor Sandra Graham
Chair of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

2. Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

The Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee has overall responsibility for the delivery of the overview and scrutiny function and for determining a work programme for itself and its sub-committees.

The Committee's workload this year has involved a combination of monitoring and contributing to plans and strategies via the Budget and Policy Framework. It has also conducted a number of in-depth studies to actively contribute to the development of new policies and received and approved reports of its various sub-committees.

In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework, the Committee has examined the Cabinet's consultation proposals in respect of the development of the Children and Young People's Plan and the Local Plan.

The Committee has received bi-annual performance progress, on the delivery of the aims and objectives of the Our North Tyneside plan.

A number of Cabinet Members have attended the Committee to outline their areas of responsibility and the Elected Mayor, Norma Redfearn, attended the Committee in September to present her annual report, which detailed the progress of the Council and her priorities for the year ahead.

Throughout the municipal year the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee has established sub-groups, to undertake reviews relating to:

Community Conversations

Community Conversations and the Mayor's Listening events are critical processes in talking directly to residents about their concerns.

The main objective of the Community Conversations sub-group was to review and monitor the progress of the agreed recommendations (December 2013) in relation to the Community Engagement Review and investigate the effectiveness of the Community Conversations.

The final report was presented to Cabinet in January 2015 where the three recommendations were accepted.

Cabinet 2015/18 Budget proposals

The Committee carried out a study into Cabinet's Budget proposals. Due to the importance of this study all non-executive members were canvassed as to their availability to take part in the study.

The group met on the 1 December 2014, where the Chief Executive, Heads of Service and Senior Managers presented the 2015/18 Creating a Brighter Future Business Cases. This resulted in a report detailing the group's conclusions being presented to Cabinet on 28 January 2015.

Kier North Tyneside – Priorities for second half of the Joint Venture

The third review relates to the Kier North Tyneside – Priorities for the second half of the Joint Venture. This was agreed following the Cabinet Member responsible for Housing and Environment requesting the Committee to carry out a review to provide a view of the priorities for the Council for the rest of the current contract.

Again it was thought because of the importance of this review that all non-executive members be canvassed as to their availability to take part in the study.

The review commenced on the 26 February and a timetable of meetings has been arranged to allow the review to be completed in mid May 2015.

Looking forward to the 2015/16 municipal year the Committee has agreed to undertake a further 2nd review that will look into Kier North Tyneside – the decision to extend the Joint Venture for a further five years. This sub-group will be established early in June/July 2015.

With the establishment of the North East Combined Authority (NECA) – Overview and Scrutiny Committee the Committee will look at how it can develop ways to inform members of the work that the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be undertaking.

Councillor Graham is one of the Authority's two representatives on the NECA Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The key topics considered by the Committee in its first year include:

- The three NECA themes – Employability, Inclusion and Skills; Economic Development and Regeneration; and Transport
- The North East Local Enterprise Partnership
- European Structural and Investment Funds
- Metro Performance and Governance of Nexus
- Devolution for the North East



3. Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing

The Adult Social Care, Health and Wellbeing Sub-committee is responsible for scrutinising matters in relation to adult care, community services, health and wellbeing, mental health and emotional wellbeing, healthy lifestyles, welfare of vulnerable adults, older people, access to health services, benefits, independent living, personalisation, financial inclusion, public health and carers.

During the year the sub-committee concluded its study into alcohol related violent crime. The main aim of the study was to examine the effectiveness of strategies, interventions and support in place by the Council and its partners to tackle the issue of alcohol related violent crime, with an emphasis on domestic abuse. Several areas were identified for investigation, including interventions and support services, prevention and educational awareness, licensing and work place policies. Members held a series of meetings with expert witnesses and also met with victims of domestic abuse to hear their experiences. The sub-committee was pleased to hear that all 12 recommendations which had been made were accepted by Cabinet and action plans put in place. The sub-committee will receive an update report during 2015/16 to check progress against the action plans.

Following Members' concerns regarding ambulance performance times to attend less serious incidents, a representative of North East Ambulance Service attended a sub-committee meeting to discuss their current performance and the pressures faced by the service. In response to system pressures, the sub-committee received assurance that a number of initiatives have been put in place and that

emergency responses to potentially life threatening incidents are being maintained.



In light of a national report which highlighted lack of support for children and young people with emotional health and wellbeing issues, the sub-committee dedicated its January meeting to consider a report on Emotional Health and Wellbeing Services for Children and Young People in North Tyneside. A panel of experts from the Clinical Commissioning Group, Northumbria Healthcare Foundation Trust, Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services and the Council's Children, Young People and Learning service area attended the meeting for a question and answer session. In relation to services for older people, the sub-committee was updated on the Integrated Pathway for Older People. They also received a report on older people's mental health developments and dementia related support. The sub-committee was pleased to hear about the work taking place around dementia and other mental health conditions that affect older people, such as depression. The sub-committee look forward to receiving updates relating to older people's services in the new municipal year.

The sub-committee has been kept up to date on two important developments for the borough; the new Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital and

future proposals for maternity services in North Tyneside.



To keep abreast of policy changes the sub-committee received an overview of the Care Act 2014 including the implications the legislation will have on local authorities in the future. The sub-committee has requested further updates on the legislation as it progresses, and have a particular interest in what the financial implications will be for social care.

As part of the sub-committee's work programme a range of other topics have been considered and scrutinised during the year, including;

- Suicide Prevention
- The Better Care Fund
- GP Services
- Safeguarding Adults Board
- The Better Care Fund
- North Tyneside Clinical Commissioning Group 5 year Strategic Plan
- Independent Support Living
- Adult Respite Care

In January 2015, Members of the sub-committee attended a separate workshop on Service and Budget Planning which was facilitated by senior managers from Adult Social Care. The workshop gave information of the plans for the year ahead in relation to the 'Creating a Brighter Future' programme relating to

'Cared for Safeguarded and Healthy' work stream, and provided an opportunity for Members to comment and make recommendations in relation to the budget proposals for 2015/16.

The Chair has continued to represent the sub-committee on the North East Regional Health Scrutiny Committee who have considered a number of regional issues, such as the Congenital Heart Disease Review, the criteria for patient transport and the Quality Account for North East Ambulance Service. They have also received reports on the challenges facing NHS England, the future pattern of NHS provision in the Northern Region and on the work of the Northern Clinical Senate.

Overall it has been an eventful year for the sub-committee in terms of managing a challenging work programme, which has involved examining a wide range of topics and engaging with external partners and organisations.

4. Children, Education and Skills

The Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee is responsible for scrutinising issues in relation to schools, youth services, higher education, child poverty, safeguarding, child protection, looked after children, vulnerable children, early years and childcare and playsites.

The Sub-committee was pleased to note at the beginning of the year that Cabinet accepted all the recommendations made in the Apprenticeships report from a committee sub group and had included them in an Action Plan for other work being undertaken on making the authority a direct employer of apprentices.

During the 2014-15 municipal year, the Children, Education and Skills Sub-committee received updates on the work undertaken as part of the education review and received reports, in accordance with its work programme, on:

- Apprenticeships
- The Children and Young People's Plan
- 14-19 Curriculum
- School Improvement Service
- Education funding
- CEI Programme
- Adult Learning
- ADHD
- Early Help and Prevention
- Child sexual exploitation

The Sub-committee has had regular conversations with relevant officers on progress in relation to the Change, Efficiency and Improvement programme projects that fall within its remit. Particular attention has been paid to areas where saving targets have been

reached in order to ensure that plans were in place to meet the set objectives.

In light of the information provided on the 14-19 curriculum, the Sub-committee agreed at its November meeting to establish a sub group to look at encouraging young women to study and pursue careers which require qualification in STEM (science, technology, engineering and maths) subjects. The sub group completed its work in February and its report and recommendations will be considered by Cabinet at its April meeting. STEM was considered a good topic as organisations outside the authority were involved in its delivery and areas of employment growth in the borough were anticipated within the technical, manufacturing, engineering and digital sectors. It was important that young people had the relevant vocational skills in the area to enable them to benefit from the expected employment growth and that this opportunity was taken up by boys and girls. It was considered that the sub group could make a positive contribution to the formulation of future plans or strategies; and would allow for community involvement.



5. Culture and Leisure

The Culture and Leisure Sub-committee is responsible for scrutinising issues in relation to parks and open spaces, sport and leisure, libraries, arts development, heritage strategy, community centres and voluntary sector support.

The Sub-committee has considered a number of relevant issues in developing an appropriate work programme for 2014-15.

The Sub-committee agreed that as a priority a review in relation to the Library Provision across the borough should be carried out. A sub-group was established to undertake the review of the Library provision. All members of the sub-committee were invited to participate in an all party sub-group for this purpose.

The main objectives of the sub group were to consider the ability of the Council to meet its statutory obligation to provide a library service in the context of:

- a shrinking financial envelope to meet service delivery;
- the wider review of Council accommodation and its use;
- changing patterns of consumer behaviour in relation to print and published media;
- greater expectations for partnership working arising from the change programme.

The sub group met on 4 occasions between September and November 2014 to consider its findings during its examination of the library provision. As part of its evidence gathering, the sub-group met in a number of locations including Wallsend Library and North Shields Library (within the relevant Customer First Centres). Arrangements were also made for Members of the sub-

group to visit and discuss with officers the services available at a number of libraries, including Mobile Bus, School Library, Community and Main Library facilities.



The Sub-committee has recently concluded its study of the library provision across the Borough. In total 6 recommendations were made. The findings and recommendations have been presented to Cabinet, who now have two months to provide a response.

Also in context to the recent review of the library provision in North Tyneside, the Sub-committee considered a report which outlined the findings of The Independent Library Report for England published by the Department for Culture, Media & Sport in December 2014. An Independent Library Review Panel was commissioned to investigate how the public library system could best work, in the future. Following the conclusions of the recent library review in North Tyneside the national report gave further impetus to the recommendations for change outlined in the review. Officers would consider the

impact of both in their feedback to the sub-committee in the coming months.

In addition, the Sub-committee examined as part of its work programme the range and diversity of events delivered across the Borough in 2014, which demonstrated that whilst the Authority delivered a number of events directly through its Events team, many others were delivered in partnership with the private and voluntary sector.

The Sub-committee held in March was themed around the restoration of Wallsend Parks and Northumberland Park and the outcomes that were brought by the Excellent Parks Project, which provided an opportunity for North Tyneside Council to seek grant aid from the Heritage Lottery Fund to support the Authority's aspirations to improve its parks. Also, the main areas for discussion at the Local Government Association (LGA) Culture, Tourism and Sport Annual Conference, held recently in Durham.



In order to develop Members' understanding of the structure and delivery of the events programme, the sub-committee received for comparative purposes a presentation highlighting case studies of two of the events.

At its meeting in February 2015, the Sub-committee was invited to engage in a consultation process on the regional Case for Culture with representatives from the North East Cultural Partnership (NECP). The recently launched 'Vision 2030: Case for Culture' Project, sets out an ambitious vision for cultural development in the North East over the next 15 years, informed by people living, working and creating in the region. The NECP has been working with a wide range of organisations across the cultural sector and beyond to help gather views, ideas and ambitions.

During 2015-16 the Sub-Committee will receive regular updates on the Cabinet's response to the library review sub group recommendations; the Active North Tyneside Project, further consultations and updates on the recently launched Vision: 2030 Case for Culture; and the Excellent Parks Project.

6. Economic Prosperity

The Economic Prosperity Sub-committee is responsible for scrutinising matters in relation to economic development, planning, business and enterprise, the transport network, highways and road safety, town centres, inward investment and tourism.

In setting their work programme for 2014/15, the sub-committee prioritised and established a sub-group to carry out a review into public transport provision, with an emphasis on travel to work and reducing barriers to employment. To date the sub-group have had a series of meetings with representatives from Nexus, Jobcentre Plus, Connexions and the Council's Integrated Transport Officer. The review will be carried over into the 2015/16 municipal year, and before concluding the sub-group plan to meet with users of public transport and travel co-ordinators based on the Council's business parks.



Also relating to public transport, the sub-committee learnt that the North East Combined Authority (NECA) had agreed plans to establish local council control of bus services through a Quality Contracts Scheme. The proposals have now been forwarded to the Quality Contracts Scheme Board and an independent panel set up by Government, to consider

whether the scheme is in the public interest. The outcome is expected early in the new municipal year at which stage the sub-committee will receive an update report.

Early on in the municipal year the sub-committee received an introduction to the 'Creating a Brighter Future' change programme, with an emphasis on how plans to re-design services across the Council will have a positive impact on economic development in the borough. The sub-committee will receive future progress reports as the programme develops.

The newly established NECA has been of interest to the sub-committee, and they have received a briefing on the role of NECA, the six associated work themes and the key milestones. The sub-committee will receive regular progress reports on the Combined Authority in due course and at an appropriate time in the future will examine the impact the establishment of NECA has had on the Council and borough as a whole.

The sub-committee has continued to review progress in relation to the re-development plans, milestones and targets for the key regeneration programmes in the borough, including Swans and Whitley Bay regeneration. The sub-committee were also made aware of the coastal regeneration plan, including the Whitley Bay Seafront Masterplan, and will receive progress updates in due course.

In relation to business and enterprise, the sub-committee have kept abreast of new businesses moving into the borough's business parks and the opportunities which have been created in terms of employment, training and Apprenticeships.

They also learnt about the work of the Business Factory and the support and help which had been provided to local residents in setting up their own businesses. In addition Members have found it beneficial to visit and talk with local businesses, as well as attending a range of business events and activities organised by the Business Forum.

The sub-committee have a particular interest in Apprenticeships in the borough and at the last meeting of the municipal year received an update on the recent North East Local Enterprise Partnership (NELEP) Apprenticeship Hub review and the progress which had been made on implementing the recommendations.

The sub-committee were pleased to hear about the innovative Apprenticeships and training taking place in the borough; however expressed concern about the national and local decline in people taking up Apprenticeships, as well as the difficulties in getting employers interested in recruiting Apprentices. In light of this the sub-committee have requested an update report in the autumn which will help to determine whether there is any in-depth work the sub-committee can do in support of the issues.

The sub-committee has examined a wide range of topics during the year and anticipate another interesting year in 2015/16.

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7. Environment

The Sub-committee was created in 2014 as a result of the splitting up of the former Environment and Culture Sub-committee into two distinct Sub-committees, the Environment Sub-committee and the Culture and Leisure Sub-committee.

The Environment Sub-committee is responsible for scrutinising issues in relation to the environment, energy use, climate change and waste management.

The Sub-committee was pleased to note at the beginning of the year that Cabinet had accepted all the recommendations from the two reports of the Street Lighting Sub Group (created by the former Environment and Culture Sub Committee) and had implemented them in various areas of the borough. This will continue to be monitored.

The Sub Committee has commenced an in-depth study into the options available to the Authority in relation to the collection of waste and recyclables after 2017 when the Government's weekly waste collection subsidy ends. It was agreed that in view of the public and member interest in the subject that it would be appropriate to carry out the study as part of the regular meeting of the Sub-committee rather than as a stand alone sub-group. The Sub-committee has examined a number of options for the delivery of waste and recycling collections in the future including variations to the collection frequency and ways of increasing recycling rates in the Borough and will report to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee early in the new Municipal Year.

In addition the Sub-committee has also monitored, on a quarterly basis, the reports of the North Tyneside Surface Water and Drainage Partnership before

they are presented to the Cabinet. A number of presentations have been received detailing the works being undertaken in the borough by the Council and its partners to resolve flooding and potential flooding issues in various areas of the Borough. At these meetings members of the public present were given the opportunity to ask questions or raise issues on the matter under discussion.



As part of its work programme the Sub-committee has set up two sub-groups, the first, the Rights of Way sub-group, has examined the plans in place within the Authority to ensure that all Public Rights of Way which existed prior to 1949 are included on the Definitive Map and Statement before the 1st January 2026 deadline, otherwise they will be lost. As part of its evidence gathering stage the Sub-group engaged with a number of representatives of the interest groups who used the current network and who provided some helpful suggestions for improvements to be made. This Sub-group presented its report and 6 recommendations to the Environment Sub Committee in early March 2015 and these were forwarded to the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee at the end of March 2015.



Having completed this study the second study group has commenced its work into the Authority's Cycling Strategy to determine whether or not it met the needs of cyclists in the area. This Sub-group will complete its work in the new municipal year.

During the year the Sub-committee has examined the level of community involvement in delivering the Newcastle and North Tyneside Biodiversity Action Plan and examined plans to improve the biodiversity in the borough through the planting of additional wildflower meadows on underused recreational land. Representatives of two of the "friends of" groups attended the February meeting to give a presentation on what they were doing in their area to improve biodiversity.

In addition the Sub-committee has received a briefing on the Authority's Tree Management Policy currently undergoing a review and intends to examine the refreshed policy in due course.

The Sub-committee has been very successful in involving the community in its work over the past year. It has regularly had members of the public attending its meetings and has allowed them to contribute to the debates and discussions. In addition, as mentioned above, representative groups have made presentations to the Sub-committee and the study group has engaged with a number of organisations who represent users of the rights of way network.



8. Housing

The Housing Sub-Committee has been primarily concerned with reviewing and scrutinising the Council's housing functions.

The sub-committee received a presentation in relation to the Sustainable Tenancies Review. It made a series of comments and suggestions to be taken into account in the development of the project which aims to ensure that the Council provides appropriate advice, help, support and interventions to reduce the likelihood of tenancies failing.

The sub-committee considered the outcome of a review of the Council's lettings policy in the light of revised statutory guidance affecting the residency qualification and local connection. The sub-committee continues to monitor progress made on the North Tyneside Living Project.



The sub-committee examined and challenged the latest performance information relating to housing repairs and housing investment work delivered through Kier North Tyneside, the Council's joint venture company. The sub-committee intend to repeat this exercise on an annual basis.

The sub-committee worked in conjunction with a joint tenant, resident and member review on how anti-social behaviour is managed locally. The sub-committee

contributed to the review by sharing their own experiences and thoughts with members of the review group. The final report and recommendations arising from the review was reported to the sub-committee, who intend to monitor their implementation and impact.

A sub-group, established last year to contribute to the development of the

Council's strategy to increase the number of affordable homes, has met to examine and comment on the evaluation of the various delivery options. In endorsing the Cabinet's approach to use a wholly owned trading company to increase the supply of quality affordable homes in the Borough, the sub-group has requested Cabinet to consider issues relating to the company's lettings policy, the possibility of the company working to bring empty shops back into use and the company's governance arrangements.

The sub-committee also acts as the Council's crime and disorder committee. As such it has the power to review and scrutinise how the Council and its partners carry out their functions in relation to crime and disorder. In April the sub-committee will meet to discuss with the Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner her key challenges and achievements over the last year and priorities going forward; and examine the progress made towards achieving the Safer North Tyneside's 2014/15 targets.

9. Finance

The main focus of the Finance Sub-Committee has continued to be bi-monthly examinations of the Council's budget monitoring position, including the forecast outturn positions for 2014/15 for the General Fund, the Housing Revenue Account and the Investment Plan, including a summary of schemes and an update on schools budgets.

The Sub-Committee continues to receive quarterly reports on Welfare Reform and reports which monitor the Business and Technical Partnership Risks.

The Sub-Committee has considered reports and/or presentations on:

- Payments from the Council to Cofely within the Business Partnership contractual arrangements and how these have varied from the original prices agreed as part of the procurement exercise.

- Planning Section 106 Agreements.
- Change, Efficiency and Improvement Programme 2014/15 – Update.
- The continuing impact of the introduction of self-financing on the Housing Business Plan and Cabinet's plans for investment in the housing stock over the next few years.
- The Authority's recent procurement exercise for Banking Services. This linked in with the Sub-Committee's wish to examine whether the Council was achieving Value for Money in relation to costs associated with transactional processes.
- The financial position of North Tyneside's schools and provided an overview of the variations to the Authority's Local Funding Formula for Schools for the financial year 2015/16.
- Impact of On-Going 0% Council Tax Rises on the Council's Base Budget.



Getting Involved

One of the key roles of overview and scrutiny is to involve communities in the decision making process. Whatever your role, whether it be as a councillor, officer, partner, community representative or an individual who lives or works in the borough, you are encouraged to have your say, either by suggesting an issue for investigation, or by getting involved with an area of work already underway.

If there are any other themes relating to improving council services which you believe could benefit from a scrutiny review or if you have concerns or feel strongly about an issue or service where you think overview and scrutiny could make a difference by influencing decision-makers please let us know.

Any suggestions will be evaluated to assess whether an overview and scrutiny investigation is likely to have a positive impact and councillors will decide whether to proceed. Please bear in mind however that overview and scrutiny cannot investigate individual complaints. The Council has a separate complaints procedure to deal with these.

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The four Year 10 students from Marden High School

The engineering students at TyneMet College

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