To the Chair and Members of the Council

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY UPDATE AND PROGRESS REPORT JUNE TO DECEMBER, 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report updates Members on the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) and the four standing Overview and Scrutiny Panels for the period June to December, 2017.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. Not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That Council note and comment on the work of the OSMC and the four standing Scrutiny Panels for the period June to December, 2017.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. Reviewing the activities of Overview and Scrutiny provides an opportunity to demonstrate to the public how the function has contributed to decision making and the `improvement of services.

BACKGROUND

5. This report includes a summary of some of the key work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny during the current municipal year. The activities of OSMC and the standing Panels include holding decision makers to account, performance review, policy review and development and external scrutiny. Work plans are agreed early in the year and reviewed at each meeting to track progress and ensure they take account of emerging issues and future key decisions.
6. The membership of OSMC includes the Chairs of standing Panels to ensure greater co-ordination of activity. The Committee meets approximately once a month to consider performance, pre-decision scrutiny, review of decisions and outcome reviews submitted by the Panels.

7. OSMC agrees, manages and co-ordinates the work plans for the standing Panels who undertake a small number of in-depth reviews or focus on important issues relevant to their specific remit.

8. The Overview and Scrutiny Panels are: -
   - **Children and Young People’s Panel** (CYP) – considers issues relating to improved outcomes for Children and Young People including Learning and Opportunities Children and Young People Directorate, the Children’s Trust and other areas undertaken by partners;
   - **Regeneration and Housing** (R and H) – considers issues relating to regeneration, economic development, strategic transport and Housing;
   - **Community and Environment** (C and E) – considers neighbourhood issues, street scene and highways, community safety as well as environmental issues, and
   - **Health and Adult Social Care** (HASC) – considers issues that fall within the remit of Public Health Directorate, Adult social Care and wider health issues.

9. The Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs continue to meet regularly with the Mayor and respective Cabinet Members to ensure they are kept up to date with relevant portfolio issues and support the effective management of Scrutiny work plans.

**Summary of Overview and Scrutiny Activities:**

10. The following identifies some of the key work undertaken by OSMC and the Panels between June and December 2017.

**Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee**

11. **Finance and Performance (DMBC/St Leger Homes)** - The Committee has continued to consider the quarterly Finance and Performance reports focusing on how key areas of overspend and underperformance are being addressed. Question planning sessions are used prior to these meetings to ensure there is a more systematic approach to identifying and focusing on key areas of concern. Directors are also invited to respond to questions relating to their service areas. Some of the areas considered by the Committee have included:-

   - **Absenteism Rates** – Members expressed concern that the measures for absenteeism rates were adrift from local targets. Members recognised that a significant amount of work had been undertaken but there were a number of challenges that still needed to be addressed to deliver these improvements and that they will continue to monitor and assess progress on this issue.
• **Support for our Armed Forces Community** - Members recognised the Council’s commitment to supporting Doncaster’s military service personnel and veterans. A recommendation was made to identify whether a piece of work could be commissioned to allow annual monitoring of the delivery of the Armed Forces Covenant given the cross-cutting nature of the work. It was felt that this issue had progressed well and Members would like to ensure that this standard is maintained. Members were informed that a Veterans Board, which reports into the Equalities, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Board, chaired by Councillor Glyn Jones, had been established. It was further explained that this board provides regular update to the EDI Board which informs the Council’s Annual Report. It was added that as part of the Council’s Due Regard process, two further protected characteristics had been agreed i.e. anti-poverty and Veterans it was anticipated this would help raise awareness of the profile of the Council’s support for Armed Forces.

• The Committee raised concerns about **corporate plan performance indicators under the Adult Health and Wellbeing section**. In particular, concern was raised about certain underlying issues and targets that could undermine the Adult Health and Wellbeing agreement. For example, the cumulative percentage of eligible population aged 40-74 who received an NHS Health Check. Whilst hitting its target at Quarter 1, this was showing a downward projection in the short and long term. It was reported that more recent figures, although below target, demonstrated an improvement in the number of people offered and receiving a health check.

• **Concern** was also raised regarding **Internal Audit Recommendations** where all directorates (apart from Regeneration and Environment) showed a 0% value against a 100% target and it was questioned why certain Directorates were not completing audits on time. Members were provided with assurances that out of 4 major recommendations outstanding, 3 were longstanding cases.

• **St Leger Homes of Doncaster** - Analysis of Complaints (Red)/Local Expenditure (Red)/Void Rent Loss (Red)/Number of Households in Temporary Accommodation (Red)

• Days lost to sickness (within individual Directorates/SLHD);

• Overspends and pressures on services;

12. This process demonstrates transparency and supports public accountability and understanding of how the Council seeks to improve service delivery and value for money.

13. **Pre-decision Scrutiny** – The Committee gave consideration to the proposed corporate approach in terms of **Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI)** where Members stressed that the EDI should be embedded within all planning and work undertaken within the Council. The Committee therefore supported the Framework.
14. **Policy Framework** - Core Annual ‘Define and Deliver Cycle’ – Members supported the proposed annual report on the State of the Borough by considering how the Council could improve service planning and management of strategic risks and how these fit with key priorities and budget setting. The Committee welcomed the opportunity to support this cycle by ensuring its work programme could be informed by the process and help focus on identifying and reducing gaps in the Council’s knowledge.

15. The Committee also gave consideration to the **Youth Justice Plan**. Members were supportive of the Plan and listened to the positive impacts that have been made within the service for children and young people of Doncaster as well as the strong and improving performance. Members were also interested to hear issues around resourcing, partnership arrangements, and challenges to future provision as well as risks to future delivery for the service.

16. Members also gave their support to the **Doncaster Growing Together – the 4 Year Borough Strategy**, prior to consideration by Cabinet and Full Council. With regard to the aspirations and strategic ambition, Members were delighted that partners were fully committed and look forward to seeing good news stories and achievements being publicised in the near future.

17. **Budget** - The Committee began its review of the Mayor’s budget plan for 2018/19 to 2020/21. This included the draft budget proposals to close the budget gap in December with a view to making its final response in early 2018. Directors and the Executive will be invited to future sessions to respond to questions asked as part of the Committee’s evidence gathering. OSMC takes a holistic view of the proposals with a view to providing a commentary on extent to which the proposals are evidence based, support corporate and Borough wide priorities, and capacity and risks around deliverability and implementation.

18. **Holding To Account** – To gain a greater understanding of the effectiveness of Council and multi-agency co-ordinated activities, the Committee held the following to account;

19. **Doncaster Children’s Services Trust (DCST)** - A report and presentation was provided to OSMC which provided an update on the financial and operational strategy of the Doncaster Children’s Services Trust. Areas discussed included staff turnover, care ladder/opportunities going forward, gaps/challenges, and governance and financial arrangements of the trust. Members welcomed the information that had been provided and felt that they now had a greater understanding. An updated report was later received from the Trust alongside the Council’s own action plan to be brought back to the Council as part of the 2017/18 workplan.

20. **Doncaster and North Lindsey College Merger** - Members gave consideration to the Doncaster and North Lindsey College Merger. In reaching its conclusions, the Committee received information from a range of attendees on behalf of the college in addition to key partners including Doncaster Chamber and the Sheffield City Region. The Committee supported the merger and during the discussion a number of areas were highlighted and recommendations were made as follows;
• Impact on Skills and Doncaster’s Economy.

• Strengthening Partnerships and Impact across Doncaster - The Committee identified that the Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust may benefit from partnership working with a potential university in the area and recommended that along with the new college, the Council should endeavour to further explore this opportunity.

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• Governance Arrangements - The Committee requested that they be provided with the new governance arrangements once they have been finalised and published.

• Reference was also made to the board membership and Members learnt that a Council Officer had previously been on, although this was no longer the case. It was therefore recommended that consideration should be given to an appropriate representative from Doncaster Council becoming a member of the board following the proposed merger.

21. Future areas for consideration include:

- Consultants – Value For Money – Overview and understanding
- Welfare Reform – Universal Credit and Sanctions on Benefits
- Housing Allocations Policy
- State of the Borough Assessment

Health and Adult Social Care Panel

22. This Panel holds scheduled meetings to ensure it effectively discharges the Council’s Health Scrutiny role. To ensure Members are aware of changes in provision across communities and to aid and assist residents understanding of these issues there has been a focus on Doncaster's Strategic Health and Social Care Plans, Inspection and Regulation and Quarterly Performance (including regular updates into uptake of direct payments, residential and homecare).

23. Representatives from NHS Clinical Commissioning Group have attended the Panel on a number of occasions to present on the following areas below, respond to questions and receive feedback on the proposals outlined. Members held a detailed debate to gain a good understanding of issues that will have an effect on their communities to ensure the correct support can be provided to those people most in need.

The Panel has received regular updates around the following areas –
24. **Doncaster's Strategic Health and Social Care Plans** – Members were provided with progress made on the Councils’ Adults, Health and Wellbeing Transformation Programme alongside Quarter 1 and 2, 2017/18 performance information. Members were informed how the programme would enable people to stay independent through providing a very different and more personalised offer. It was explained that this was something that needed to be achieved through integrated services involving health colleagues, as well as building up additional community capacity.

25. It was added that interest had been expressed by staff to look at social enterprise models that offered an alternative delivery model to provide extra support for a voluntary and community model. It was therefore recommended that consideration be given to; **a secondary cooperative being established to support voluntary groups with administration functions**. Members were informed that there was work being undertaken which could be brought back to the Panel in the future.

26. **Inspection and Regulation** - The Panel received updated information addressing the following areas, these included;

- What was happening to providers;
- The role of the Council;
- Recent government announcements around improved Better Care Fund (iBCF) with expectations against that.

Members will continue to receive updated information which ensures that they are up-to-date in this area and have the opportunity to ask questions.

27. **Intermediate Care** – Following an invitation from the HASC Panel, Colleagues from Doncaster Clinical Commissioning Group received a detailed update on the issue. It was reported that proposed changes were being currently tested, the model was being refined and staff were being prepared for transition, prior to new arrangements for joint commissioning being implemented. Members addressed rapid response activity, work with mental health services and the need to reduce the number of people entering residential care. The Panel noted the current position.

Members also considered a number of single items which included;

28. **The South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw Accountable Care System Memorandum of Understanding** - Members were provided with a report that gave them the opportunity to discuss and comment upon the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB) Accountable Care System (ACS) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

29. **End of Life Care** – Members were keen to consider End of Life Care as it was an issue which, as someone approaches their end of life, matters to everyone. They wished to learn what significant improvements had been made, and learnt that service development had been implemented in the following areas:-

- Woodfield 24;
- Community Nursing;
• Specialist palliative care including Hospice;
• Community equipment; and
• Assess to medicine.

30. In addition, it was reported that within education and training, the CCG had funded through GP practices a gold standard framework and 63% had taken up the offer of training and Doncaster Royal Infirmary/RDaSH were to undertake training of all relevant staff. The report was noted and the Panel was pleased to see support in place.

31. **Carers Strategy Progress Report** – Members considered the current work made with the Carers Strategy 2017 and wished to ensure that if they chose to provide care that they were supported to prevent negative impact on their life chances. Members addressed how the themed groups were working towards establishing a robust partnership plan to focus and target improvements, aiming for positive stories for all patients and carers. The Panel supported the current position and whilst discussing addressed universal credit, benefits and the development of bespoke support packages.

32. **Social Prescribing** – Members held a briefing on social prescribing, a catch-all term for non-medical interventions to medical presentations where they were able to ask a number of questions to partner representatives and an officer from the Council. It was explained that the programme aimed to prevent worsening health for people with long term health conditions and reduce the number and intensity of costly interventions in primary, urgent or social care. Member discussed areas including the impact of the programme on its users, the referral process, funding implications and the use of volunteering.

33. **Doncaster Suicide Prevention Plan** - A report was presented to the Panel around the Doncaster Suicide Prevention Plan. Members heard about Councils local suicide prevention plans in place and received an overview of local suicide data. Issues raised included; concerns around veterans at risk, social isolation, data and information and raising awareness of this issue for children and young people at risk. Recommendations made included;

- Widening SAFETALK training currently available for both School Governors and Members.
- Further being done to explore what could be achieved across partnerships, picking this issue up within key plans and policies such as the Accountable Care Systems and mental health.

The Panel are awaiting responses from the Executive for these recommendations.

**Regional Health Scrutiny Working**

34. The Chair has been part of the **Commissioning Working Together (CCG) Joint Regional Scrutiny** addressing substantial variation to hyper acute stroke services across South Yorkshire and Non-Specialised Children’s Surgery and anaesthesia.
Non-Specialised Children's Surgery - following detailed proposals being presented earlier in the year proposing the case for change, the Joint Committee gave their final consideration to the children’s non specialised surgery and anaesthesia. It was noted that a unanimous decision had been made by the Joint Committee of Clinical Commissioning Groups and Hardwick Clinical Commissioning Group to approve the preferred model business case for children’s non specialised surgery and anaesthesia on 28 June, 2017 meaning the majority of surgery to continue to be delivered locally the development of three hubs, Doncaster Royal Infirmary, Sheffield Children’s Hospital and Pinderfields General Hospital in Wakefield.

The decision means that once implemented around one or two children per week needing an emergency operation for a small number of conditions, at night or at a weekend, will no longer be treated in hospitals in Barnsley, Chesterfield and Rotherham, and will receive their treatment at one of the three hubs.

Hyper Acute Stroke Services – a short paper setting out the current position relating to the development of the business case was presented to the Joint Committee. Work was still ongoing and the decision was deferred to ensure the complex set of interactions and the full implication on all partners, staff and patients needed to be understood to enable an informed decision on the future service.

35. **Substantial Variation GP Scawthorpe Surgery** - The purpose of the report was for the Doncaster’s Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to consult with Panel Members on the closure of a Branch GP Surgery at Scawthorpe, Doncaster. The Panel asked a range of questions and discussed the proposed closure in more detail. The issues raised included; concerns around the elderly and other patient groups (particularly involving transport), vacancies on patient list at other Practices, GP Recruitment and Increased Premises Rent.

36. The Panel concluded that it was satisfied that consultation around the proposed closure of the Branch GP Surgery at Scawthorpe had been adequate. The Panel also wished to highlight their own concerns around the 400% increase in rent and growing problems around the recruitment of GPs and nurses.

37. Future areas for consideration include:

- Public Health Protection Assurance
- Health inequalities – BME Health Needs Assessment
- Annual report of the Joint Health Yorkshire and Humber Scrutiny Meeting
- Annual report of the Adult Safeguarding Board
- Transition from child to adult services
- Update on Health and Well-being Board Strategy
- State of the Borough Assessment
38. **Doncaster Inclusive Growth Plan** - Further to a review meeting of the Panel, Members were provided with an opportunity to discuss their ideas and thoughts around the emerging Doncaster Inclusive Growth Plan.

During the discussion a number of areas were highlighted as follows

- Members raised concerns about the long term impact on businesses and the economy from 'Brexit' and the phasing out of Revenue Support Grants.

- Concern was also expressed regarding the lack of skills and expertise available to organisations that held contracts or were located in Doncaster as this had resulted in businesses employing labour that was not local.

- **Linking in with the Doncaster Growing Together programme** - it was reported that there were not enough people earning at a higher level and more focus was needed to 'grow our own' with a higher and more specialised skilled workforce being offered.

- In respect of the policy theme ‘Connected Communities’, it was felt that more could be achieved by providing better transport links to reach employment and making more services available digitally for more people to access them.

- Members felt that more careers advice was needed in schools and academies to educate children about the different industries and opportunities that existed.

- Members learnt that there is a Doncaster Working Inclusive Growth Board in place to support the Plan, which included a mix of both Council Officers and key partners. It was felt however, that Doncaster could sell itself more widely and positively inside and outside the Borough.

The Panel recommended that;

- Consideration be given to identifying an appropriate ambassador who alongside the Mayor and supported through the Council and its partners, could promote Doncaster into the spotlight.

- An additional large digital screen may add value within the town centre by displaying good news stories and endorsing what was happening within Doncaster.

39. Members recognised the importance of the ambition and scope of this plan and supported the work that was being undertaken. It was therefore requested that a further meeting be held to consider the draft version of the plan once available with key partners invited.
40. **Urban Centre** – As part of the Panel’s overview role, Members received information relating to progress with the Master Plan and were pleased to note that Doncaster had performed much better than core cities with regards to business growth. They noted the importance of attracting international investors to the Borough and work being undertaken to achieve this. Members stressed that they wished to be used as Ambassadors to positively promote the Borough’s assets and future business development opportunities.

41. This work will continue in January with further consideration given to the Wool Market, Railway Station Forecourt and Options for the future provision of the central library, museum and archives.

42. Future areas for consideration include:

- Further work on the Economic Plan Refresh
- Homelessness Recommendations Update - update funding and legislation.
- Housing Needs Analysis
- Universal Credit Housing Allowance (impacts)
- Planning Enforcement – Is planning enforcement effective – raising awareness session
- State of the Borough Assessment

**Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel**

43. The Panel did not undertake a review this year but has focused its work on a range of programmes including the Children and Young People Plan (including Governance of the Children and Families Strategic Board), Education and Skills, Behaviour Inclusion Programme in addition to other areas such as School Performance Tables and Academies Overview.

44. **Doncaster Children’s Services Trust** – The Trust’s Chief Executive and senior officers have attended on a quarterly basis where Members considered Quarterly Performance information through the challenge of the Doncaster Children’s Services Trust by the Council. As the Trust is accountable to both the Council and the Secretary of State there needed to be a system where reporting of activities and key measures of progress were focused, avoided duplication and added value. It was agreed that a split screen approach report in two phases be provided to meetings. The first phase would hold the Council to account for its monitoring of the Trust against the service delivery contract and the second phase would provide an invite to the Trust to respond to the specific performance issues which the Council report had raised. Issues that can be highlighted include Out of Authority Placements, Financial and Operational Strategy and Risks and Performance.

45. **Annual Complaints Doncaster Children’s Trust** – The Panel received the Annual Report of Complaints which highlighted customer experiences with the service they were provided and recognised improvement that had been made.
46. **Annual Children’s Safeguarding Report** – An update was presented on the Board’s annual report and responded to key assurance questions that sought to understand the progress, impact, robustness of governance arrangements. An update on Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE) was also provided ensuring that this is being effectively addressed in Doncaster. Members noted the report presented.

47. **Youth Council** – Youth Councillors attended a Panel meeting and provided an excellent and informative update on the Child Voice Pathways which has been used to help develop the Children and Young Peoples Plan. From their consultation they reported to the Panel the two priorities for the Youth Council to address were transport and emotional health. The young people were very detailed with the information provided and gave a good insight into the issues some young people face. To launch the Plan an event was held for children, young people and families, the event was planned and facilitate by the Youth Council where they highlighted and promoted the positive images of children and young people and the many opportunities and activities they were involved in across Doncaster.

48. **Fostering** – the Fostering Service Annual report 2016/17 was a regulatory requirement and informed elected Members, senior managers and decision makers about the key outcomes in service provision. The Panel learned about the alternative fostering method, “Mocking Bird Family Model” that brings together up to ten foster families to form a satellite foster family, offering respite, social activities and just a familiar friend to offer advice. The Panel addressed issues including; the good Ofsted judgement, recruitment of foster carers, foster carer management and remuneration and noted progress.

49. **Behaviour Inclusion Programme Overview** - (key programme that contributes to the state of the borough assessment) - The Panel gave consideration to a report relating to Team Doncaster’s ambition to have an inclusive education system to ensure young people were being provided with the best education offer to them. Members received information on the average number of pupils in Pupil Referral Units, It was noted that there were no fixed term exclusions. It was hoped that by focusing on improvements and the recommendations from the key findings report, benefits to children and young people would be in place and evident in the 2018/19 term.

50. **Academies Overview** – the Panel considered current challenges relating to the transfer of LEA schools to academies. The Panel learnt that this last year had seen the conversion of 13 schools to academies which was the largest number in any one year and to assist relationships and assist schools when considering future options a set of questions had been developed ensuring the right questions were posed, particularly for the procurement of services. Members were assured that the Local Authority had a good relationship with its schools who kept officers informed of proposed changes. The Panel noted that the Director of People and Assistant Director Commissioning and Business Development met regularly with the Regional Schools Commissioner where they could air their concerns. The current position was noted.
51. **School Performance Tables** - Members gave consideration to performance across a range of educational indicators which either formed part of, or contributed to the performance tables published by the Department of Education. Members paid particular attention to attainment and achievement, exclusions, attendance and Ofsted judgements. Members were pleased to learn and supported the transformed school improvement functions and its relationship with the Teaching Schools Alliance.

52. **Visit to the Children’s Trust** - Councillors were invited to see the Initial Referral Team and spoke with Managers and frontline staff about the day-to-day workings and how things were dealt with. It was commented that schools and academies needed to work as a partnership and liaise better with the Education and Attendance Officers, although it was acknowledged that they are doing their best with limited resources.

53. **Education and Skills Commission and Social Mobility Opportunity Area (SMOA)** - It was outlined how, in January 2017, Mayor Ros Jones announced the formal response to the independent One Doncaster Report. In the same month, Doncaster was awarded SMOA status by the Department for Education. The report set out the progress made to date in terms of implementing the recommendations of the One Doncaster report, and also how it aligned with the structure and intent of SMOA in the borough. Members were told that the first draft of problem diagnosis would be undertaken in the near future. It was continued that feedback will then be incorporated into the delivery plan that is published and ultimately be signed off by the Secretary Of State. Members will be further updated at future meetings.

54. Future areas for consideration include:

- Doncaster Children’s Trust (split screen) Children’s Trust and Damian
- Education and Skills Update (key programme that contribute to the state of the borough assessment)
- Behaviour Inclusion Programme update (key programme that contributes to the state of the borough assessment)
- Strategies in place to improve schools.
- Emerging themes from Annual Impact Report (considered at the April 2018 meeting)
- Child Poverty Overview with a view to possible in-depth review
- Invitation to children in care council to attend the panel next July 2018
- School transport for young people.
- State of the Borough Assessment

**Community and Environment Panel**

55. **Crime and Disorder Review** – The Panel undertook an in-depth review of the pathway from anti-social behaviour to serious crime and the effectiveness of interventions undertaken in the Borough. The Panel has held two full day evidence gathering review meetings. These have included attendance by Officers from the Council and partners including the South Yorkshire Police (strategic and Police Community Support Officers) looking at issues such as Enforcement Issues and Good Practice. A further session involved a meeting
with Community leaders listening to their stories and finding out more about them and their experiences. In addition to this there were representatives from St Leger Homes, South Yorkshire Fire Service and Neighbourhood Response Team. Panel Members also met with Officers from a neighbouring authority to share what was happening in a comparable area and discuss areas of good practice. Recommendations and feedback from evidence gathered will be presented to a formal Crime and Disorder Overview and Scrutiny Meeting in February 2018. Once the recommendations have been agreed, they will be forwarded to the Executive as a separate source of evidence to support the Domestic Abuse Strategy.

56. **Community Engagement Framework** – A workshop style session was held with Members of the Panel with an aim to gather ideas and views on their own experience and views of community engagement. The session also considered real life scenarios of potential engagement activity or work through what others areas have done and considered how this could be approached in Doncaster. Ideas, views and issues raised in the session were gathered that helped inform the Community Engagement Strategy and Toolkit.

57. **Joint Waste Strategy And Update On New Waste Collection Contract** - Members were provided with an update on the Joint Waste Strategy 2017 to 2021 focusing on consultation methods and events, responses to consultation and working with neighbouring authorities. The Panel also addressed the current waste collection contract, addressing key messages to residents relating to future contract changes. The current position was noted and Members arranged a further meeting to consider the waste collection contract February 2017.

58. Future areas for consideration include:
- State of the Borough Assessment
- Waste Collection
- Drainage Boards - Following the floods where are we now? What has changed and future plans? Drainage Board Governance.
- Crime and Disorder meeting
  - Holding to account the Safer Doncaster Partnership.
  - Feedback from evidence gathered in the autumn anti-social behaviour to serious crime pathway.
  - Selective Licensing update.
  - Hate Crime
  - Community Safety Strategy
- Traffic Offences, town centre parking, parking on grass verges.

**OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

59. There are no other specific options in relation to the issues covered by this report. The Constitution requires OSMC to report to Council at least twice per year to ensure there is accountability and transparency in the way in which Overview and Scrutiny undertakes its work.
REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

60. This report provides an opportunity for Council to consider the activities of OSMC and the standing Panels.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL’S KEY OUTCOMES

61. The work of Overview and Scrutiny has the potential to have an impact on all the Council’s key objectives.

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

62. There are no specific risks associated with this report. Providing an update report to Council provides an opportunity for Members to consider if there are any aspects of the Overview and Scrutiny function that need to be further considered or reviewed.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

63. There are no specific legal implications relating to this report. Legislation requires the Council to have a least one Committee responsible for the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny function. The Council should also ensure it has provision to undertake Health Scrutiny and Scrutiny of the local Crime and Disorder Partnership.

64. The Constitution requires OSMC to report to Council at least twice per year to ensure there is accountability and transparency of its activities. Specific legal implications and advice will be given within any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

65. There are no specific financial implications relating to the recommendations in this report. Any relevant financial implications are included when reports are presented to Overview and Scrutiny for consideration.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

66. There are no human resource implications relating to the recommendations in this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

67. There are no technological implications relating to the recommendations in this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

68. There are no specific equality issues associated with this report. Equality issues are considered by Overview and Scrutiny when it considers individual work plan issues.
CONSULTATION

69. The Chairs of OSMC and Scrutiny Panels have been consulted in respect of feedback on the progress against work plans.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

70. Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan 2016/17 and minutes of Overview and Scrutiny meetings.

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