

Doncaster MBC

**Overview & Scrutiny
Annual Report
2018/2019**

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Introduction

On behalf of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and the standing Panels, we are pleased to present the 2018/19 Annual Report. This report:

- Sets out the purpose and structure of the Overview and Scrutiny function in Doncaster.
- Details some of the key activities undertaken by OSMC and the Panels, focused around the themes of public engagement and participation, partnership involvement and how Overview and Scrutiny contributes to the Council's wider strategic objectives.
- Highlights key work undertaken by Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Panels during the 2018/19 municipal year; and
- Identifies key issues for consideration during 2019/2020.

Much of the work of the Panels has been driven by the wider strategic objectives of Doncaster Growing Together and the priorities detailed in the Corporate Plan. The challenges facing the Borough require joined up thinking and effective partnership working through Team Doncaster. Overview and Scrutiny can support this by ensuring activities and opportunities are maximised to deliver real benefits for Doncaster and its residents.

Moving forward OSMC and the Panels will be keen to hear the outcomes of the "Doncaster Talks" exercise and hear what our residents have to say about the kind of Borough we want for the future and how we can all work together to make Doncaster the best place it can be.

As the Council and its partners continue to deliver services during times of competing challenges and reducing resources, we must all remember the value and impact that Overview and Scrutiny can bring as a watchdog by maintaining a careful oversight of the delivery of local services.



Councillor Kevin Rodgers
Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny
Management Committee 2018/2019



Councillor John Healy
Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny
Management Committee 2018/2019

Purpose and Structure of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose - The activities of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (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 municipal year and reviewed at each meeting to track progress and ensure they take account of emerging issues and future key decisions. Overview and Scrutiny activities seek to support the delivery of Council priorities and objectives detailed in the Corporate Plan and Doncaster Growing Together (DGT).

Structure - The structure and remit of OSMC and the Panels are detailed below:

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) - The membership of OSMC includes Chairs of standing Panels to ensure greater co-ordination of Overview and Scrutiny activity and alignment to the DGT themes. The Committee meets approximately once a month to consider performance, pre-decision scrutiny, reviews undertaken by the panels and areas of strategic importance.

- Key DGT areas include Connected Council and issues that cut across all Panels and DGT themes.

Health and Adult Social Panel (H&ASC O&S) – considers issues that fall within the remit of Public Health, adult social care and health services. The Chair also represents the Authority on Regional Health Scrutiny bodies.

- Key DGT areas include Doncaster Caring

Children and Young People's Panel (CYP O&S) – considers issues relating to improved outcomes for Children and Young People including Learning and Opportunities, services provided by Doncaster Children's Services Trust and other relevant partners.

- Key DGT areas include Doncaster Caring and Doncaster Learning

Regeneration and Housing Panel (R&H O&S) – considers issues relating to regeneration, economic development, strategic transport and housing.

- Key DGT areas include Doncaster Living and Doncaster Working

Communities and Environment Panel (C&E O&S) – considers neighbourhood issues, street scene and highways, community safety as well as environmental issues.

- Key DGT areas include Doncaster Caring and Doncaster Living

The Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs meet regularly with the Mayor and respective Cabinet Members to ensure regular communication on portfolio issues and Overview and Scrutiny work plans takes place.

Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs 2018/19



Councillor Kevin Rodgers

Chair of Overview and
Scrutiny Management
Committee



Councillor John Healy

Vice Chair of Overview and
Scrutiny Management
Committee



Councillor Neil Gethin

Chair of Children and
Young People



Councillor Lani-Mae Ball

Vice Chair of Children and
Young People



Councillor Jane Kidd

Chair of Community and
Environment



Councillor Jane Cox

Vice Chair of Community
and Environment



Councillor Andrea
Robinson

Chair of Health and
Adults Social Care



Councillor Cynthia Ransome

Vice Chair of Health and
Adults Social Care



Councillor Paul Wray

Chair of Regeneration
and Housing



Councillor David Nevett

Vice Chair of Regeneration
and Housing

Overview and Scrutiny Membership 2018/19

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Chair – Councillor Kevin Rodgers	Vice-Chair - Councillor John Healy
Councillor Andrea Robinson	Councillor Bev Chapman
Councillor Paul Wray	Councillor Neil Gethin
Councillor Richard A Jones	Councillor Jane Kidd
Invitee – Paul O'Brien (GMB)	

Health and Adults Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Andrea Robinson	Vice – Chair Councillor Cynthia Ransome
Councillor Mark Houlbrook	Councillor George Derx
Councillor Martin Greenhalgh	Councillor Sean Gibbons
Councillor Pat Haith	Councillor John Gilliver
Councillor Derek Smith	

Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Neil Gethin	Vice Chair – Councillor Lani Mae-Ball
Councillor Nick Allen	Councillor Nikki McDonald
Councillor John Mounsey	Councillor Frank Tyas
Councillor Jane Cox	Councillor Sue Wilkinson
Councillor Sean Gibbons	Invitee - Jim Board (UNISON)

Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Paul Wray	Vice-Chair – Councillor David Nevett
Councillor Duncan Anderson	Councillor Iris Beech
Councillor Steve Cox	Councillor John Cooke
Councillor Charlie Hogarth	Councillor Eva Hughes
Councillor Ken Keegan	Invitee – Mark Whitehouse (Unite)

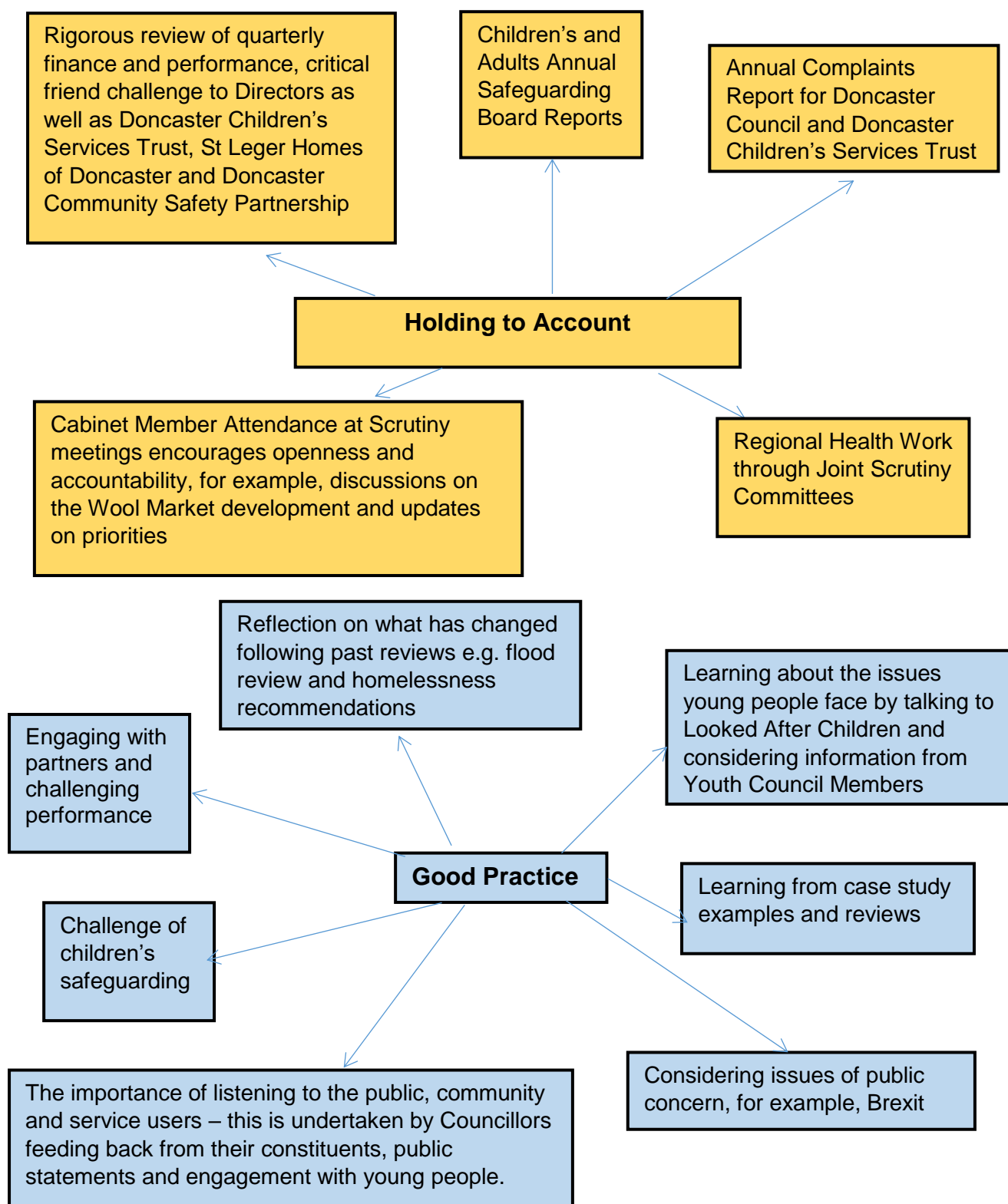
Communities and Environment (Crime and Disorder) Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Jane Kidd	Vice-Chair – Councillor Jane Cox
Councillor Tina Reid	Councillor Mick Cooper
Councillor Nigel Cannings	Councillor David Hughes
Councillor George Derx	Councillor Ian Pearson
Councillor Susan Durant	Invitee - Tom Fent (UNISON)

Education Co-optees: Bernadette Nesbitt (Diocese of Hallam Roman Catholic Church) and John Hoare (Diocese of Sheffield Church of England) are entitled to attend meetings of OSMC and CYP O&S and vote on any education matters, which are the responsibility of the Authority's Executive. They may also participate in panel discussions (although not able to vote on other issues).

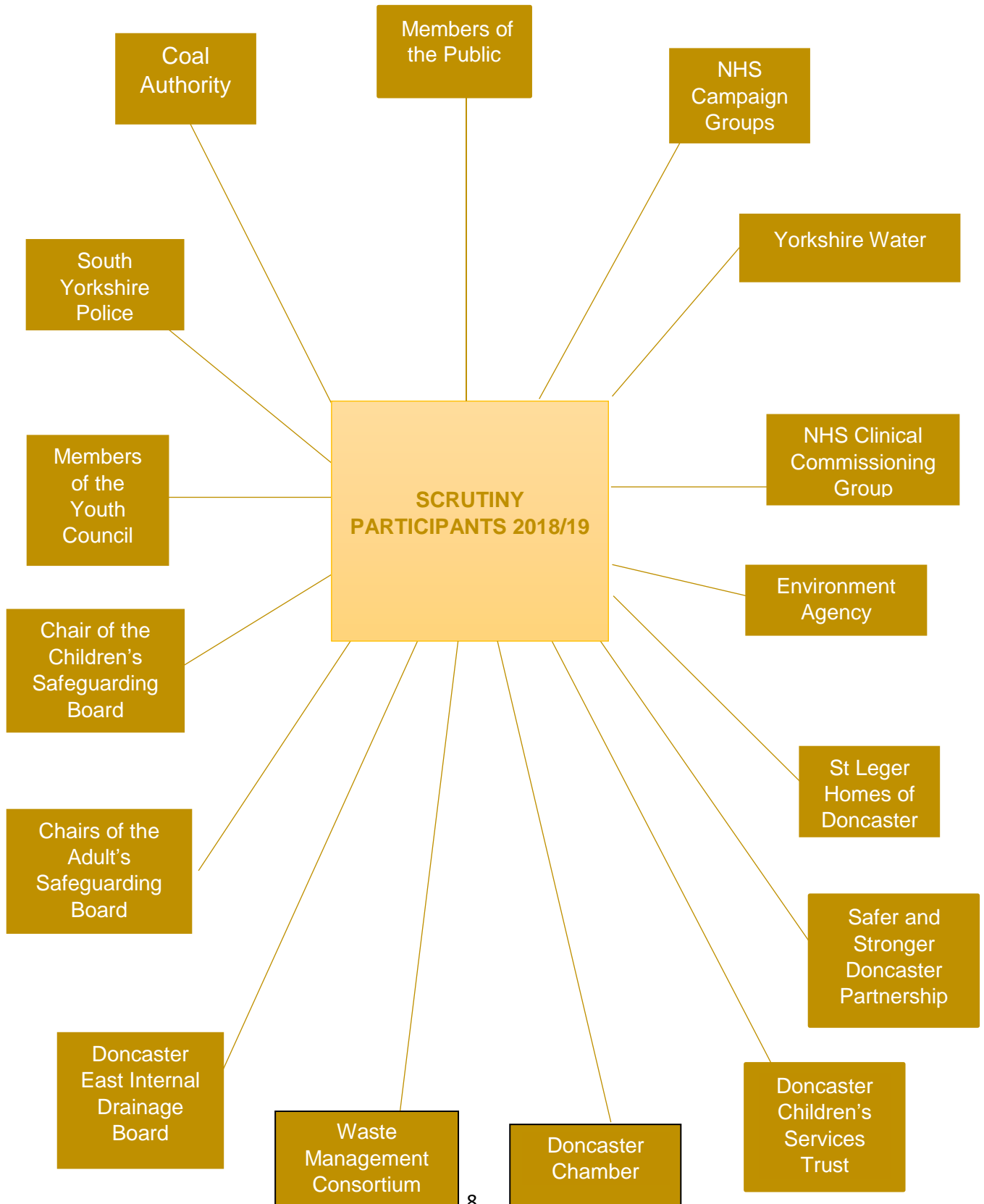
Impacts and Added Value 2018/19

Examples of where Scrutiny has added value to the Council's decision-making and governance arrangements are detailed below. Further information is provided later in the report within each of the individual OSMC or Panel sections:



Public and Partners

For the purposes of gathering evidence and holding to account, the following public and partners have taken part in scrutiny meetings:



Giving the Public a Voice through Overview and Scrutiny

Overview and scrutiny has a key role in giving a voice to and engaging with the public and service users. This is seen as a challenge nationally however, the following examples highlight ways in which Overview and Scrutiny has engaged with the public during the last year.

Corporate Parenting Role – The Chair of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel met with Looked After Children to consider how they prepare for living independently. Issues discussed included changing negative perceptions around young care leavers, managing budgets effectively, opportunities for training and employment and understanding how to make the right choice of where to live. All these issues were important in helping young people start a secure and safe transition into adulthood and independent living.

One of the key issues raised was the fear of being alone and not having support mechanisms in place. This honest and helpful insight will be used to assist the Panel in identifying further issues to consider as part of its ongoing work plan. It is proposed that this issue will be revisited as part of the 2019/20 overview and scrutiny work plan.

Doncaster Youth Council – Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Members have actively engaged with Youth Councillors and received an update on their priorities and how they are being addressed. Consideration was given to “Curriculum for Life” a UK Youth Parliament National Campaign to help develop young people’s political knowledge, improved education on sex and relationships, cultural awareness, community cohesion, finance skills and sustainable living. This was accepted as being a priority locally as well as nationally for young people. It was suggested that, through the Secondary Heads meeting, an audit be undertaken around personal social health and education to identify what was specifically being covered. Members welcomed the view that the young people confirmed they felt they had a voice and their views were being taken seriously.

Public Statements relating to issues on the scrutiny work plan continue to be received at meetings and were taken into account during Members deliberations. A number of public statements were received during consideration of the following issues:

- **Exiting the European Union (OSMC);**
- **Tree Policy and Tree Risk Management Plan for Doncaster Council’s Trees and Woodlands** (Community and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel) ;
- **Hospital Services Review and Integrated Care System** – (Health and Adult Social Care Overview Scrutiny Panel and at the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South Yorkshire, Wakefield, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire) - in response to public concerns raised, Members of the Committee agreed to write to the relevant bodies and ask that they consider their governance and decision-making programmes in line with their publication schedules to ensure openness and transparency where possible.

Highlights and Achievements - OSMC

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Areas
Monitor Quarterly Performance And Finance Management	<p>OSMC continues to review quarterly performance and finance information of the Council and St Leger Homes of Doncaster to identify the extent to which the Council and its key partners are operating within resources and delivering value for money. This supports the Council's overall performance management arrangements and demonstrates transparency, public accountability and understanding. Some of the areas discussed have included key actions to address areas of overspend in adult and children's social care, employee sickness absence, effective use of unallocated reserves, activities to encourage the take up of direct payments, educational attainment and the impact of the 10-point action plan in the town centre.</p> <p>This is a key role for the Committee as it provides an opportunity to consider the effectiveness of the Council's performance monitoring arrangements, supports and informs the budget process and identifies future work plan issues.</p>	All DGT Areas
Brexit Updates	<p>This scrutiny led session was held to keep all Members informed of the possible impact of a Deal or No Deal Brexit for the Borough. This issue cross cuts all themes and the discussions have centred around;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Borough and its economy; • Goods and services; • Community resilience; • Planning, risk assessment and co-ordination; • Building plans to mitigate impact; and • Planning for the future. <p>In conclusion, it was agreed that an update on the Brexit performance dashboard be reported at a future Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee quarterly performance meeting as part of the 2019/2020 Overview and Scrutiny work plan.</p>	All DGT Areas

Complaints and Compliments Annual Report	This Annual Report raises awareness of the types and volumes of complaints, identifying trends, communicating lessons learned and service improvements. Through consideration of this report, Members have been provided with an understanding of customer perceptions of Council services.	All DGT Areas
Licensing Policy 2019 Gambling Act 2005 (Statutory Plan)	A number of areas were considered including risk assessments on gambling establishments and the protection of vulnerable people. Members supported two changes to the Policy with regard to defining a vulnerable person and particularly Public Health involvement as a consultee to any new gambling establishment application received. As a result of the meeting the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel wish to review progress with this initiative as part of the 2019/2020 Overview and Scrutiny work plan.	Doncaster Living Doncaster Working
Corporate Plan 19/20	Members supported the plan and provided a number of comments that were taken into account before the plan was presented to Full Council on the 5th March 2019. As part of the response, the Committee stressed the importance of reaching the objectives in the Corporate Plan in partnership with the voluntary sector and questioned the support available to enable those organisations to have a voice.	All DGT Areas
Local Plan	In accordance with the Budget and Policy Framework Procedure Rules, the Committee undertook a strategic overview focussing on the extent to which the Plan was evidence based, had been informed by consultation and how it sought to deliver the Borough's priorities. The Committee submitted a number of recommendations in relation to consultation and engagement, flood risk, public health as well as the future review and monitoring of the plan.	All DGT Areas
Youth Justice Plan (Statutory Plan)	Members were supportive of the Youth Justice Plan and the positive impacts that have been made within the service for children and young people of Doncaster, demonstrated through the strong and improving performance shown throughout the report. Annual consideration of the statutory plan allows Members to receive progress being made including areas of good practice and areas of challenge. It also provides an opportunity to identify any issues that may be included as part of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Work plan.	Doncaster Caring

Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 (Statutory Plan)	The Committee supported the Community Safety Strategy and Members particularly welcomed domestic abuse and motorcycle nuisance as priorities within the strategy, as this was consistent with the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee's previous consideration and recommendations.	Doncaster Living
Budget Review	OSMC undertook a holistic view of the budget proposals ensuring they are evidence based and support corporate and Borough wide priorities, in addition to looking at capacity and risks around deliverability and implementation. The Committee uses specific lines of enquiry to focus on its review and assists in providing a commentary on the overall budget proposals before forwarding its final response and conclusion to the Executive to add an additional level of assurance to the budget process.	All DGT Areas
Call In (Market Place Phase 1 project)	OSMC was asked to look at the consultation and engagement process, due diligence and the proposed contractual arrangements with the Council as part of the called in Executive Decision on the Proposed Model For The Delivery Of The Management Of Doncaster Markets. As a result of the call-in, OSMC resolved that no action be taken in relation to the called-in decision but recommended that the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Panel receive regular updates on the market as the new arrangements progress.	Doncaster Living

Highlights and Achievements – H&ASC O&S

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Themes
Mental Health	The Panel agreed to take this issue as its overarching work plan theme for 2019/20. Whilst receiving a detailed overview of the position in Doncaster, the Panel appreciated that society was making a breakthrough around mental health and mental illness with the stigma being slowly removed. The areas that were considered in more detail included suicide prevention, dementia and mental health in veterans. Children and Young People's mental health was also considered separately by the CYP O&S Panel.	Doncaster Caring Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust
Day Centre Scrutiny Panel visit to consider alternative care models	Members undertook a visit to the Smile Centre at Cantley to meet with staff and service users. Members learnt and understood the requirements of providing this service and the requirements of future modernisation through alternative models. The visit assisted the Panel's knowledge and understanding of this area and supported better-informed discussions throughout the year when looking at service transformation.	Doncaster Caring Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust
Resource Allocations Process	A case study session assisted with Members understanding of how service user's lives were supported by the Local Authority, this provided assurance to Members that the system was operating efficiently and effectively.	Doncaster Caring Older people can live well and independently in their own homes.
Doncaster's Strategic Health and Social Care Plans	Members received updates to aid their understanding on the Council's Adults Health and Wellbeing Transformation Programme and the Doncaster Place Plan. This provided an opportunity to consider operational, governance and resource arrangements to implement transformation, alternative care models and the sustainability of community led support by creating a strength-based support practice model for a whole family approach. The Panel will continue to monitor progress of this programme during 2019/20.	Doncaster Caring Older people can live well and independently in their own homes.
Health Protection Assurance Annual Report 2017/18 and 2018/19	Officers and partner representatives were requested to attend on an annual basis to provide an outline of improvements and sustained progress made to protect the health of the Borough. Some of the key issues raised during consideration of this issue included;	Doncaster Living Health and vibrant communities through

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health inequalities work and the innovative work being undertaken with GP practices; • Immunisation Indicators – that Public Health were working closely with the NHS on immunisation programmes including the uptake of the MMR and flu vaccinations; • Smoking Indicators – included the reduction of Doncaster smoking rates. Concerns were expressed regarding passive smoking and Members were informed of the work being undertaken into the links between mental health and smoking. <p>This annual report provides Members of the Panel with an opportunity to hold the health protection governance structures and service plans to account and to consider areas suitable for further consideration, as an example, the Action Plan for a Smoke Free Doncaster, has been added to the Panel's work plan for 2019/20.</p>	<p>physical activities and sport.</p> <p>Doncaster Caring</p>
Tackling Health Inequalities in Doncaster	Members considered the approach being undertaken to access the right services and breakdown barriers. The Panel raised concerns around individuals with mental health problems, veterans and children in low-income families. Members learnt about mechanisms in place within the Council to tackle health inequalities such as E-Learning training made available for all Local Authority staff and partners in Doncaster.	Doncaster Caring
Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) South Yorkshire, Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and Wakefield	<p>The JHOSC was established in 2015 for the purpose of overseeing the NHS “Working Together” programme. It was set up following a formal request made by the NHS Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) that provide services in South and Mid Yorkshire, Bassetlaw and North Derbyshire. The request was made to the local authorities with responsibility for scrutinising health services across the same geographical footprint.</p> <p>As part of health's statutory requirements to address service reconfigurations, the JHOSC regularly meets and has considered;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Integrated Care System Update and its Governance Arrangements; • NHS Long Term Plan; • Transformation Work stream Programmes within the South Yorkshire and Bassetlaw (SYB) Integrated Care system. • Hyper Acute Stroke Services • Children's Non-Specialist Surgery and Anaesthesia • Hospital Services Review 	Doncaster Caring

	<p>Doncaster's representative on the joint committee attended three regional health scrutiny meetings during 2018/2019, this supported wider engagement where health boundaries cut across those of a number of local authorities. A number of public concerns were raised and addressed during these meetings.</p> <p>The Committee will look to continue its work into 2019/2020, with a workshop arranged in early summer 2019 for Committee Members to meet with members of the public and representatives from Health Watch and local health campaign groups, to help better understand their concerns and potentially inform the future work plan.</p>	
Your Life Doncaster (Transformation Programme)	<p>The Panel is regularly updated on progress against the Council's Adult's Health and Wellbeing Transformation Programme and the arrangements in place to drive the programme forward.</p> <p>Consideration has been given to ;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Operational, governance and resources arrangements: b) The alternative care model for Day Opportunities. <p>In particular, this ongoing review has focused on Rapid Improvement, transport, direct payments and training. As a result, Members were able to better understand the need to review the customer journey to work on prevention and will continue to be further involved as this is progressed into 2019/20.</p>	<p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>Health and vibrant communities through physical activities and sport</p>
End of Life Plan	<p>Doncaster NHS Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) provided an overview of how it planned for End of Life Care. As a result of this session, Members recommended that a Members Seminar be held on this issue as part of the 2019/20 programme to ensure Councillors were aware of end of life choices for residents.</p>	Doncaster Caring
Update on Inspection and Regulation	<p>This report provides regular Care Quality Commission Inspection and Regulation updates (CQC ratings) published for regulated services against the national and regional picture of performance. A number of concerns were raised in relation to the recruitment of social care staff when comparing levels of pay and implications of cuts being made within domiciliary supported care. This update helped Members form a better understanding of the process and performance of local care homes.</p>	Doncaster Caring

All Ages Carers Charter	A presentation was provided to the Panel around the All Age Carers' Charter that would enable Team Doncaster to publicly show its commitment to carers. The Panel welcomed the positive work and recommended that the "Young Carers ID Card" once successfully rolled out, be considered for use in the workplace for employees who are carers. The Panel also recommended that Headteachers sign up to the Doncaster Carers Charter and those young carers with parents who do not speak English (and therefore needed to act as translators) are included within the spectrum of the All Age Charter.	Doncaster Caring Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust
Veteran Plan	The Panel considered the progress and processes in place against action plans and determined them effective and beyond sufficient for the Council and partners aims to deliver the Covenant for Doncaster. The Panel noted and supported the areas of work and its current focus and commitment across partnerships in Doncaster. It was also recognised that the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment better reflects the needs of and understands how to better support veterans.	All DGT Areas
Doncaster Adult's Safeguarding Annual Report 2017/18	As part of the Panels holding to account role, the Chair of the Adult Safeguarding Board was invited to present the Doncaster Adult's Safeguarding Annual Report 2017/18, detailing highlights and progress within the service provided. Members were assured that there was now full engagement from all partners and this assisted in identifying lessons learnt. Members provided appropriate challenge on areas such as monitoring achievements and outcomes, underspends and future reporting mechanisms.	Doncaster Caring Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust

Highlights and Achievements – CYP O&S

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Theme
Doncaster Youth Council	<p>CYP O&S Members were provided with updates by Youth Councillors on their priorities and how they were being addressed, this included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local offer review to children and young people • Curriculum for Life • Youth Council Elections • Knife Crime Campaign <p>The Panel recognised the value of this input to its work and invited them to attend a future meeting in the 2019/20 civic year.</p>	<p>Doncaster Learning</p> <p>Doncaster Caring</p> <p>Doncaster Living</p>
Children and Young Plan	The Panel considered the Council's approach in assessing the work being undertaken to meet the priorities and ambitions contained within the Children and Young People's Plan. It was noted that the completed plan would help inform the Council's work and focus for the following year.	All DGT Areas
Learning Provision and Organisation	The Panel considered the effective delivery of high quality learning provision in response to local pressures and demand for learning places across Doncaster. As part of the discussion around school exclusions, particular attention was given to the level of support for children and young people who were dealing with complex family behaviours. Members also learnt that attendance/exclusion policies were varied across the school spectrum but supported ongoing proactive mechanisms to address this issue.	Doncaster Learning
A Youth-Led Commission On Child Poverty In Doncaster	<p>Members of the Panel were offered the opportunity to consider the issue prior to publication of the final report. It was recognised that the most important themes included:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Debt and benefits; 2. Jobs, work and skills; 3. Mental Health; and 4. Moves and changes in young people's lives (life transitions). 	<p>Doncaster Caring</p> <p>Children have the best start in life</p>

	The Panel requested that it be kept up-to-date with the Councils response to Child Poverty as part of the 2019/20 work plan.	
<p>"Storing up Trouble" - National Children's Bureau</p> <p>An examination of the current state of social care in England</p>	Members were being given the opportunity to consider this report against the local context and how the current pressures within the sector could be addressed and delivery improved. The Panel was consulted on the issue, which ultimately formed part of an overall response to the National Children's Bureau who was undertaking research work for the All Party Parliamentary Group addressing the current state of social care in England. Concerns were raised around funding, engaging with young people to comment on the report both locally and nationally and outcomes for children in poverty. The Panel will consider the Councils response to Child Poverty as part of their 2019/20 work plan.	<p>Doncaster Learning</p> <p>Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school.</p>
Schools Performance Tables	Members of the Panel received its annual provisional data regarding SATS, GCSE's and 'A' Levels. This provided an opportunity to consider the improvements made by schools in the Borough during the last year.	<p>Doncaster Learning</p> <p>Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school.</p>
Education Attainment and Skills in Doncaster	One of the Panel's key objectives was to monitor educational attainment and actions across the education landscape to support every child reaching their potential. It was noted that stakeholder engagement had increased to offer greater flexibility and maximum impact and that activity was being agreed on a rolling programme rather than on an annual basis. Members were better informed but also assured of the improvements and differences being made. This area alongside the Schools Performance Tables will continue to be monitored as part of the Panels 2019/20 work plan.	<p>Doncaster Learning</p> <p>Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school.</p>
Attendance Impact on Strategy and Performance Update and Inclusion Plan (SEND)	The purpose of this was to provide the Panel with an update of the Attendance Strategy, which had originally come about as a consequence of Cabinet's consideration of the trends in school absence in Doncaster. Members heard how the Attendance Strategy was strongly correlated with the work of the Social Mobility Opportunity Area, connecting to such issues as school exclusion and the narrowing of gaps in outcomes between groups of young people. The discussion considered areas such as home-schooling, full time exclusions and engagement with schools, Academies and Trusts. Members were therefore better informed on activities and provided with an opportunity to raise some of the current issues that they felt were important. The Panel have expressed their intention to keep this on the 2019/20 work plan to monitor its progression.	<p>Doncaster Learning</p> <p>Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school.</p>

Behaviour Transformation Programme	The Panel received a report relating to the high number of fixed term exclusions and managed moves in Doncaster's schools. Members were able to learn more about how this issue was being addressed through the three-year plan for improved behaviour. Members noted what was happening such as the establishment of the Big Picture Learning School, the commissioning of new specialist provision for Social Emotional Mental Health and communication and interaction needs. Members will continue to look at this, as part of the 2019/20 work plan due to its close links with the attendance strategy and educational attainment.	Doncaster Learning Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school.
Children's Mental Health	The Panel considered information relating to tackling children and young people's mental health. Members were informed of progress to address how mental health services were organised, commissioned and provided. This item provided an opportunity to understand the policy focus and impact on local service improvement. The main issues that were raised included use of health champions, strategy development, modern technology and access to support.	Doncaster Caring Children have the best start in life; or Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust
Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST)	DCST attended the Panel on a number of occasions providing an opportunity for Members to seek assurances on how effectively the Trust is delivering children's social care and family support services across Doncaster on behalf of Doncaster Council. The Panel also considered the extent to which the Council monitors these arrangements and seeks assurances on the effectiveness of the Trust.	Doncaster Caring Doncaster Learning Connected Council
• Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST) Performance	Opportunities were provided for Members to review the operational, financial and performance challenge undertaken by the Director of People. In particular, discussions took place on the impact of local authorities wishing to place Looked After Children in the Doncaster Borough. From its enquiries, the Panel learnt that clear and robust protocols were in place to undertake health assessments on the children. This enabled an evidence base challenge to those authorities if children and young people were not receiving the support they required locally.	
• Doncaster Children's Safeguarding	The Panel welcomed the opportunity to question the Independent Chair of Doncaster Children's safeguarding Board on its annual report around the effectiveness of safeguarding arrangements for children and young people in Doncaster. Specific issues considered as part of this scrutiny included referrals at the front door, early help offer, ensuring families were more resilient, child	

Board (DCSB) Annual Report	protection conferences that agree a child or young person's care package, mental health, unaccompanied asylum seeking children and modern slavery.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST) Annual Complaints Report 	Having questioned the Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST) on this matter the Panel was satisfied that the complaints system was robust, addressed complaint trends and vexatious complainants.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reconfiguration of the Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST) 	The Panel welcomed the opportunity to consider the arrangements to change the governance of Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST) to an Arm's Length Management Organisation (ALMO) owned by Doncaster Council.	

Highlights and Achievements – R&H O&S

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Theme
Market Place Phase 1 project	<p>Members had received an update on progress with the Enterprise Market Place and noted the project was on time and on budget. Key areas considered included occupancy rates, the market mix and developing the necessary transport links and accessibility.</p> <p>A Call-In of the decision to transfer the management of the markets services to a Company was later considered by OSMC and further consideration will be given by the Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Panel as the management arrangements are implemented and the project progresses</p>	<p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster</p>
Doncaster Inclusive Growth Strategy	<p>Further to the consideration of the Doncaster Inclusive Growth Strategy, Members were informed about the broad range of infrastructure proposals and projects in place across the region. Members further explored the issues of job security and wage rates. Finally, Members looked at the development of the Borough's outlying towns, and expressed concern that there were transport restrictions and limited work opportunities to support growth. Members were assured that this issue was being considered through local connectivity and will continue to review this in future.</p>	<p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>Doncaster Working</p> <p>Connected Council</p>
Homeless – Update Following Panels Review (held in 2016/17)	<p>An update on homelessness was provided following the Panels own scrutiny review held as part of the 2016/17 work plan. It was explained that there had been significant changes to legislation, which had been introduced through the Homeless Reduction Act and had fundamentally changed the responsibilities for Local Authorities. The update also took into consideration the impact of work undertaken through the Complex Lives team. This provided the Panel with an opportunity to monitor progress on the recommendations made through its previous review and be better informed on the latest developments going forward. The Homeless Strategy will be further considered by the Panel as part of the 2019/20 work plan as part of its policy development role.</p>	<p>Doncaster Caring</p> <p>Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust</p> <p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>More people can live in good quality, affordable homes</p>

Housing Needs Study	A presentation was provided to the Panel on the headline findings from the Housing Needs Survey. It was explained that the findings of the Housing Needs Study would be used to inform policy decisions on how the Council and its partners would respond to the boroughs future housing need. The completed Housing Needs Study would be presented to the Panel to help inform its 2019/2020 work plan.	Doncaster Living More people can live in good quality, affordable homes
Doncaster Visitor Economy Strategy	The Panel considered the Doncaster's Visitor Economy Strategy that highlighted the towns increasing reputation as a quality visitor destination. Members supported the strategy and addressed a number of areas such as town centre redevelopment, community engagement and promotion.	Doncaster Living Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage

Highlights and Achievements – C&E O&S

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	
Flood Review “what changes have been made since 2007”	This focused on improvements made to flood management since 2007 when areas of Doncaster were subject to significant flooding and allowed Members to hear about progress following a previous review. The Panel received information from a number of partners including the Environment Agency, the Water Management Consortium and Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board, Yorkshire Water and the Coal Authority. It was recognised that many positive changes had been made to best manage water levels and reduce the impact of any future possible flooding. Members acknowledged that flooding could never be prevented completely but a number of mitigation measures were in place. The findings from the report and evidence based recommendations were forwarded to the Executive.	<p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster clean.</p> <p>Connected Council</p> <p>Working with our Partners and Residents to provide effective leadership and governance.</p>
Tree Policy and Trees Risk Management Plan for Doncaster Council’s Trees	Members considered the Tree Policy and Trees Risk Management Plan. The Panel welcomed the proactive approach to drive improvements in the health and safety of tree maintenance across the borough. A number of issues considered included canopy cover, replanting, trees on St Leger Homes land and tree roots growing across/into pavements were raised. Following consideration of a public statement relating to the installation of 5G, in particular trees could be lost if communication operators had the right to remove them if they wished, the Panel acknowledged that installation was an area Members would wish to address at a future meeting.	<p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster clean.</p>
Waste	The Panel received a six monthly update on the new waste contract. Members sought to analyse its effectiveness by reviewing performance in a number of areas including the percentage of missed collections, new collection routes, technology required to operate each part of the collection and damage to the blue bin lids. The Panel was supportive of the roll out of the new contract and progress to date.	<p>Doncaster Living</p> <p>Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster clean.</p>
Social Isolation & Loneliness	The Panel received an update report, which outlined the next steps for an ‘alliance’ of interested organisations to take some elements of this work forward. The Panel will continue to monitor effectiveness by receiving further updates as part of its 2019/20 work plan.	<p>Doncaster Caring</p> <p>Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they can trust</p>

Crime & Disorder	<p>In its role as the Crime and Disorder Committee the Panel received an update on the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership (SSDP) priorities, Community Safety Strategy and the complex lives agenda within the town centre.</p> <p>The Committee received information on the following priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing crime and reoffending; • Tackling anti-social behaviour; • Tackling serious and organised crime; and • Reducing substance and alcohol misuse. <p>Areas of concern that were discussed included county lines, neighbouring policing, 101, substance misuse and off road cycle nuisance, impact of the CCTV strategy and Modern Slavery. It was recommended that a further member's seminar be arranged on Domestic Abuse to keep up-to-date with how Councillors should respond if they feel they have identified domestic abuse.</p>	Doncaster Living
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Overview and Scrutiny Priorities for 2019/20

Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will:

- Co-ordinate and manage the Panel's work programmes;
- Receive and monitor reviews undertaken by Panels and consider their effectiveness and impact;
- Receive quarterly finance and performance monitoring reports;
- Contribute to the Budget Process 2019/20 and beyond;
- Undertake pre-decision scrutiny of key policy issues;
- Consider Statutory and Council Plans prior to their consideration for approval such as Youth Justice Plan.
- Consider the Annual Complaints Report
- Receive an overview on the impact of Universal Credit with potential for further work to be considered at Panel level.
- Review/sharing best practice around overview and scrutiny

Children and Young People will:

- Review Elective Home Education
- Address Special Educational Needs and Development and Inclusion
- Consider Suicide Prevention
- Consider Early Help Demand
- Receive Educational Attainment/Schools Performance tables
- Consider Children's Safeguarding Annual report
- Address Universal Credit and its impact on young children
- Meet with the Youth Council

Regeneration and Housing will:

- Consider the Urban Centre Masterplan in addition to large centres located outside of Doncaster.
- Consider the Future High Street Fund to support and fund local areas' plans to make high streets and town centres fit for the future.
- Consider the Homeless Strategy (SLHD) including Complex Lives work
- Consider the Housing Needs Study findings and Housing Delivery Programme.
- Consider the Transport Infrastructure Strategy
- Review how individuals with a number of barriers are being supported back into work.
- Receive an update on the management of the market.

Community and Environment will:

- Review the activities and effectiveness of the Safer and Doncaster Strategic Partnership as the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee. There will be a focus on areas including;
 - Crime in prisons
 - CCTV
 - Knife crime
 - Safer Doncaster Partnership priorities and performance update
 - Child criminal exploitation
 - Long-term stabilisation of people with complex needs - this may require a separate session prior to the meeting in February.
- Receive updates on:
 - Waste
 - Tree Policy and 5G installation
 - Selective Licensing
- Consider areas under an Environment Strategy theme
- Review progress made tackling Social Isolation and Loneliness

Health and Adult Social Care will:

- Contribute to work of the regional Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Focus on areas within the following themes:
 - Starting Well
 - Living Well
 - Ageing Well
- Your Life Doncaster Transformation Programme
- Care Quality Commission Inspection and Regulation
- Adult Safeguarding Annual Report
- Public Health Protection

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