

# Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel

Agenda  
Item:  
**A.3**

Meeting Date: 4 April 2019  
Portfolio: Cross-cutting  
Key Decision: No  
Within Policy and  
Budget Framework  
Private/Public Public

Title: Scrutiny Annual Report  
Report of: Policy & Communications Manager  
Report Number: OS.11/19

## Purpose / Summary:

The draft Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel sections for the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19 are attached.

## Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

1. Consider and comment on the attached sections of the draft report

## Tracking

Executive:	N/A
Scrutiny:	4/04/19
Council:	30/04/19

## **1. Background**

- 1.1 The Constitution: Article 6 – Overview and Scrutiny Committees, 6.03 Specific functions [c] states that: ***‘Annual report. Overview and scrutiny committees must report annually to full Council on their workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate’.***
- 1.2 The Government is currently preparing new statutory guidance on overview and scrutiny in local government.
- 1.3 This report contains this panel’s draft sections for the Annual Scrutiny Report 2018/19. The draft report will be considered by each panel before recommending its acceptance to Council.

## **2. Recommendations:**

- 2.1 Consider and comment on the attached sections of the draft report

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**Appendices attached  
to report:**

**Draft Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel sections for the  
Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19**

**Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None**

### **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:**

**LEGAL – None**

**FINANCE – None**

**EQUALITY – None**

**INFORMATION GOVERNANCE – None**

## **Appendix: Draft Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel sections for the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018/19**

### **Introduction**

Scrutiny is one of the main checks and balances to the power of the Executive and involves many of the Councillors who are not on the Executive.

The key roles of scrutiny are:

- Ensuring the Executive is accountable. This means questioning members of the Executive and senior officers about decisions that have been made or are about to be made. It also involves looking at how well the Council is doing against its policy objectives and targets for achievement.
- Reviewing and developing policies. In this role, scrutiny can help the Council to develop its policy and budgetary framework. This might involve research and consultation with the community and other agencies on policy issues, good practice and looking at alternative ways of doing things.
- Ensuring the continuous improvement of Council services. Scrutiny can make suggestions to the Executive for service reviews. Members of scrutiny panels are often involved in reviews where a service or function of the Council is thoroughly examined.

In Carlisle, scrutiny operates through three panels: Business & Transformation Scrutiny Panel; Economic Growth Scrutiny Panel and Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel.

The Scrutiny Chairs Group (Chairs and Vice Chairs of the three Scrutiny Panels) meets to deal with any overarching scrutiny issues.

There are eight non-Executive members on each panel and each panel is politically balanced (i.e. the proportions of each political party on the panel are the same as on the Council as a whole). Individual Councillors are selected by their political parties to sit on the scrutiny panels.

The Annual Report to Council is an overview of the workings of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels during the 2018/19 civic year. It also provides recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

### **Chair of Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel, Cllr Jack Paton**

The Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel has been an amazing experience and I have learned so much and enjoyed every minute. The work we have done and the recommendations we have sent to the Executive will hopefully improve performance. We have had some lengthy debates resulting in positive outcomes from the Members. I have been very fortunate that Cllr Stephen Sidgwick has been a great help, thanks also to Cllr Crawford and Cllr J Mallinson for stepping into the breach for me. The staff have been incredible and supported the panel so well over the past year, my thanks go out to all who have made this past year possible.

**Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Panel key highlights:**

- Interagency Homelessness Strategy
- GLL Leisure Contract monitorin
- Joint Cumbria Public Health Strategy

**Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage & Leisure, Cllr Anne Quilter**

Scrutiny panels play an important role in the decision-making process of the Council. They allow elected members to comment on reports which are then fed back to the Executive. I would like to thank all members and staff involved in this important process.

Carlisle City Council has achieved significant successes over the past few years and I would hope that this continues.

**Portfolio Holder for Communities, Health & Wellbeing, Cllr Lee Sheriff**

Scrutiny is an important part of the decision-making process of the Council. Ensuring that the budget is spent wisely is important in the current climate of austerity. All Members support Carlisle being ambitious in its plans for the future. It is right and fair that the Scrutiny Panels robustly investigate Executive proposals. I would like to thank all Members and staff involved in scrutiny for all their commitment and hard work involved. Let us continue to work together to deliver our ambitions and celebrate our achievements.

**Portfolio Holder for Economy, Enterprise & Housing, Anne Glendinning**

Overview and Scrutiny play a valuable and important role in questioning executive members and senior officers on decisions made, they also have an important role in helping in the development of policy and priorities, looking at best practice and performance.

I know a lot of hard work has been put in by members on the Scrutiny Panels and the staff who support them, so my thanks to all involved for that hard work and the important contribution they have made.

**Amendments to working methods**

There are no amendments to working methods proposed in this report for 2019/20.