

**People Select Committee
Chair's Update – February 2018**

Scrutiny Review – Sickness Absence	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>Following the consideration of the final report by Cabinet in December 2017, the Action Plan in relation to the agreed recommendations was presented to Committee in January 2018 – this was subsequently agreed by Members.</p> <p>It was noted that the sickness absence data for quarter 3 (October – December 2017) would soon be available, and Officers agreed to circulate this information to Members once confirmed.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	An initial progress update will be provided in June 2018 as part of the monitoring arrangements for scrutiny reviews.
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Mental Health and Wellbeing including Suicide and Self-Harm	
Achieved since last meeting	<p>The last Committee meeting in January 2018 considered evidence from Public Health regarding children's mental wellbeing data, complexity of the issues around mental wellbeing, the Public Health approach around improving the health of the population, areas for development and key challenges.</p> <p>The Suicide Prevention Co-ordinator from the Tees Suicide Prevention Taskforce provided details of their Strategic Plan 2016/17-2020-21 and the Action Plan that support this. It was noted that the work of the Taskforce is held up as good practice nationally, and a number of past successes and future challenges were outlined.</p> <p>A significant part of the January 2018 meeting involved two presentations from secondary schools – St Michael's Catholic Academy (Billingham) and Conyers School (Yarm) – who gave an overview of their roles and responsibilities around the mental health and wellbeing of their pupils, key issues they face, and coping with loss. Resource and financial pressures along with links to other organisations were highlighted.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	The next meeting will look at this issue from more of a treatment/support angle, with Committee due to receive evidence from SBC Adult Social Care, North Tees & Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust, TEVV (Tees, Esk & Wear Valleys NHS Foundation Trust) and GP representatives. Committee will seek

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	to understand the role and responsibilities of these organisations and any key issues they face, with specific reference 14-25 year-olds (the age range that is the focus for this review).
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Scrutiny Review – Community Participation Budget (Reporting-In Review)

Achieved since last meeting	<p>This is an officer-led reporting-in review, led by the Director of Economic Growth and Development, that was added to the Work Programme and was scheduled to report to Committee in December 2017.</p> <p>Officers presented their report to Committee in December 2017 on the operation of CPBs and future options. Members discussed this report, and raised concerns around the current level of unspent budgets, as well as the problems caused by 'split' Wards (where more than one political group was represented within a single Ward). Extending the scope of the schemes that this money could be used for was also raised, though it was noted the earliest the CPB can be reviewed is at the end of its current financial cycle (2018/19) as some Members will have already made commitments to schemes and projects using next year's allocation.</p>
Problems or concerns	None.
Planned next month	A paper detailing the People Select Committee's response to this Officer-led 'reporting-in' review will be included as an appendix to the Officer report that is presented to Cabinet (possibly in February 2018).
On track – yes / no	Yes.

Overview / Performance and Quality Assurance

Key Issues / Problems or concerns	<p>Overview reports for the following services are due to be considered by Committee at the 26th February 2018 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration, Democratic and Electoral Services • Culture, Leisure and Events • Finance and Business Services • HR, Legal and Communications • Xentrall Shared Services
Requests for more information	None.

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Monitoring	
Key Issues / Problems or concerns	Committee has not considered any monitoring updates since the last meeting. The next monitoring updates are scheduled for the June 2018 cycle of meetings.
Requests for more information	None.

Next Meetings
Monday 19 th February 2018 (1.00pm) Monday 26 th February 2018 (1.30pm)