

# **Doncaster Council**

## **Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report 2021/2022**

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# Introduction

I am delighted to present this report on the work of Overview and Scrutiny for the period 1<sup>st</sup> April 2021 to April 2022

I would particularly like to thank Andrew Sercombe and his team for their continuing excellent support for the Scrutiny process. I would also like to thank all partners, Officers and members that contributed to our work and particularly residents with lived experience of issues that we have scrutinised. This includes survivors of alcohol and substance misuse, carers, Youth Council Representatives and Young Advisors and representatives from schools who shared their experiences of the Children's Social Care front door.

Scrutiny contributes to a sound Council culture by holding Officers, Executive Councillors and the Mayor to account. It also contributes to the delivery of Doncaster's Priorities by taking evidence from a wide range of partners including the voluntary and community sector, the police, Health and the Academies to inform our recommendations.

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Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee.



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# 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, reviewing performance arrangements, policy review 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 decisions. The work plans and OSMC/Panel remits for 2022/2023 will reflect the six wellbeing goals and the Great '8' priorities outlined in Doncaster's Corporate Plan and Doncaster Delivering Together, however, for the purpose of this Annual Report the work of the Panels for 2021/22 is in line with Doncaster Growing Together (DGT) Themes.

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

**Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC)** - The membership of OSMC includes the Chairs of standing Panels and other Members. This ensures cross party representation, greater co-ordination of Overview and Scrutiny activity and alignment to the corporate goals. The Committee meets approximately once a month to consider performance, pre-decision scrutiny, reviews undertaken by the panels and areas of strategic importance.

- Key wellbeing goal: Focusing on the Regenerative Council, cross cutting all wellbeing goals and outcomes and Great 8 priorities.

**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.

- Wellbeing goals and Outcomes: Healthy and Compassionate.
- Great 8:
  - No. 4 Building opportunities for healthier, happier and longer lives for all.

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

- Wellbeing goals and Outcomes: Skilled and Creative and Healthy and Compassionate
- Great 8:
  - No. 2 Developing the skills to thrive in life and work.
  - No. 6 Nurturing a child and family-friendly borough.

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

- Wellbeing Goals and Outcomes: Skilled and Creative and Prosperous and Connected.

- Great 8:
  - No. 2 Developing the skills to thrive in life and work.
  - No. 3 Making Doncaster the best place to do business and create good jobs.
  - No. 7 Building transport and digital connections fit for the future.

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

Wellbeing Goals and Outcomes: Greener and Cleaner and Safe and Resilient.

- Great 8:
  - No. 1 Tackling Climate Change.
  - No. 5 Creating safer, stronger, greener and cleaner communities where everyone belongs.
  - No. 8 Promoting the borough and its cultural, sporting and heritage opportunities.

# Overview and Scrutiny Chairs and Vice Chairs 2021/22



Councillor Jane Kidd  
Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee



Councillor John Healy  
Vice Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee



Councillor Leanne Hempshall  
Chair of Children and Young People



Councillor Tim Needham  
Vice Chair of Children and Young People



Councillor Gemma Cobby  
Chair of Community and Environment



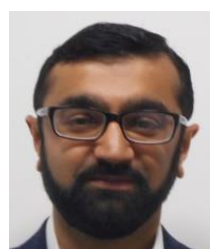
Councillor Nigel Cannings  
Vice Chair of Community and Environment



Councillor Sarah Smith  
Chair of Health and Adult Social Care



Councillor Martin Greenhalgh  
Vice Chair of Health and Adult Social Care



Councillor Majid Khan  
Chair of Regeneration and Housing



Councillor David Nevett  
Vice Chair of Regeneration and Housing

# Overview and Scrutiny Membership 2021/22

## Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Chair – Councillor Jane Kidd	Vice-Chair - Councillor John Healy
Councillor Sarah Smith	Councillor Bev Chapman
Councillor Majid Khan	Councillor Gemma Cobby
Councillor Richard A Jones	Councillor Leanne Hempshall
Invitee – Paul O'Brien (GMB)	

## Health and Adults Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Sarah Smith	Vice-Chair – Councillor Martin Greenhalgh
Councillor Linda Curran	Councillor Jake Kearsley
Councillor Sue Knowles	Councillor Tracey Moran
Councillor Austen White	Councillor Laura Bluff
Councillor Sean Gibbons	Invitee: Jim Board (UNISON)

## Children and Young People's Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Leanne Hempshall	Vice Chair – Tim Needham
Councillor Bob Anderson	Councillor Aimee Dickson
Councillor Susan Durant	Councillor Charlie Hogarth
Councillor Laura Bluff	Councillor Steve Cox
Councillor Rob Reid	Invitee: Georgina Lightfoot (UNISON)

## Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Majid Khan	Vice-Chair – Councillor David Nevett
Councillor Duncan Anderson	Councillor Iris Beech
Councillor Sue Farmer	Councillor Sophie Lui
Councillor John Mounsey	Councillor Steve Cox
Councillor Gary Stapleton	Invitee: Steve Whitehouse (UNITE)

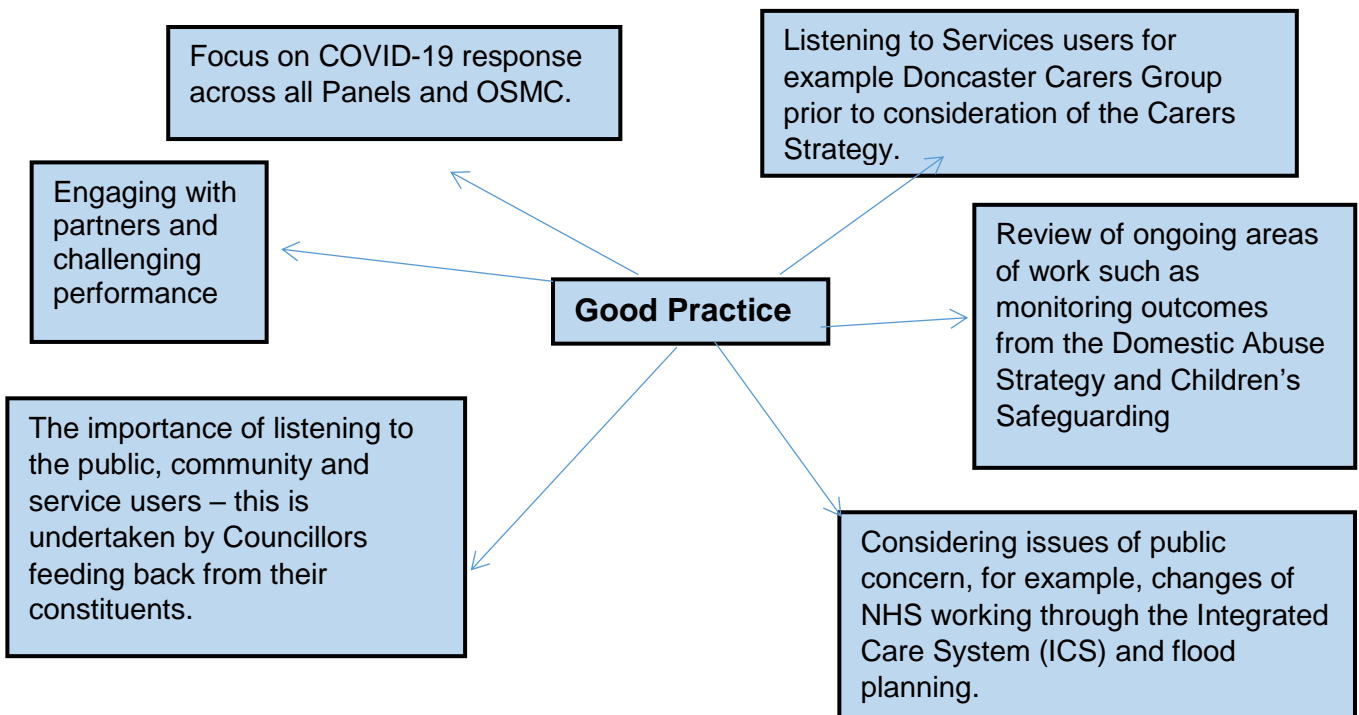
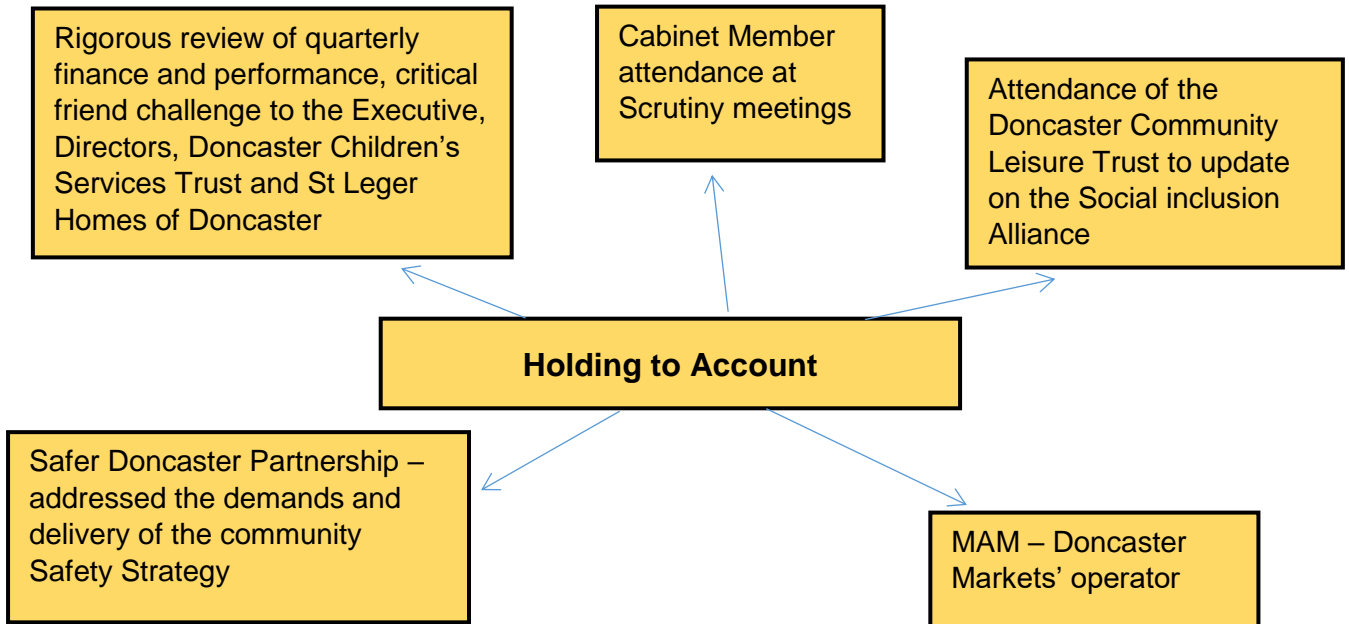
## Communities and Environment (Crime and Disorder) Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Chair – Councillor Gemma Cobby	Vice-Chair – Councillor Nigel Cannings
Councillor James Church	Councillor Debbie Hutchinson
Councillor Emma Muddiman-Rawlins	Councillor Glynis Smith
Councillor Julie Grace	Invitee: Jim Board (UNISON)
Councillor Gary Stapleton	

Education Co-optees: Bernadette Nesbitt (Diocese of Hallam Roman Catholic Church) and Antoinette Drinkhill (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 relating to children's issues (although not able to vote on non-educational matters).

# Impacts and Added Value 2021/22

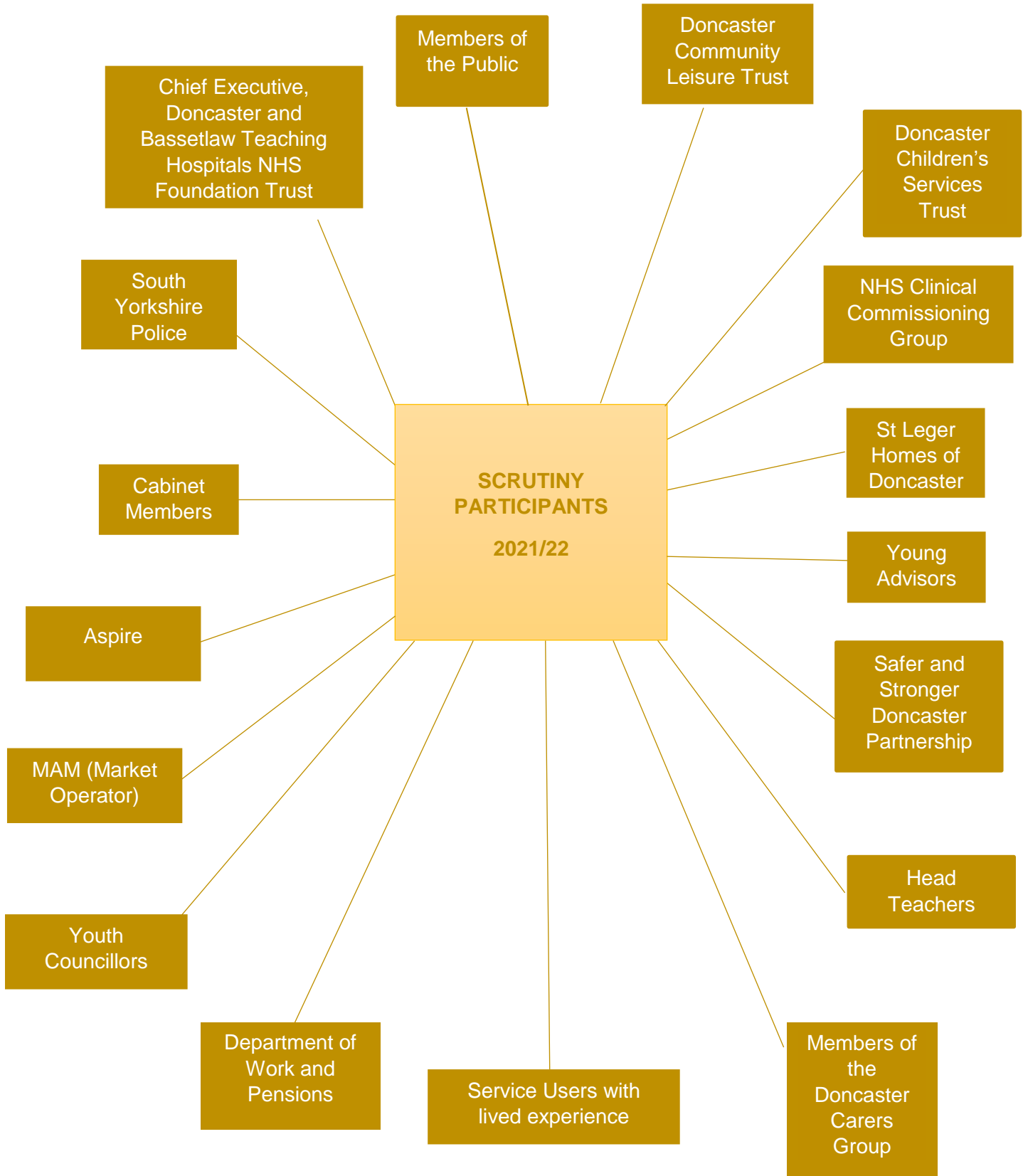
Detailed below are some examples where Scrutiny has added value to decision-making and supported good governance. Further information is provided later in the report within each of the individual OSMC or Panel sections:





# Public and Partners 2021/22

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 a challenge nationally, although during 2021/22, Overview and Scrutiny started to hold formal meetings face to face following the Pandemic. However, where possible the Panel also held meetings remotely, providing additional opportunities for individuals to attend and engage with Overview and Scrutiny.

The following examples highlight ways in which Overview and Scrutiny has engaged with the public during the last year.

**Service Users** – during the year meetings were held with service users and service commissioners, to consider good practice and service gaps relating to services for people who suffer with drug and alcohol abuse. The service users provided a massive insight into the lived experience, difficulties individuals faced but more importantly the positive outcomes through support they had received.

**Doncaster Carers** – Prior to considering The All Age Carer's Strategy for Doncaster (2022 - 2025), Members of the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel met with carers who had lived experiences to hear their views on the strategy. These views helped inform the debate around the strategy and the Panel's recommendations.

**Young Advisors** - are aged between 16 and 24, who bring their experiences, unique expertise and knowledge to a number of areas and work within the Council and Doncaster Children's Trust Services. They regularly attend Scrutiny Panel meetings and provide a valuable young person's perspective on issues under consideration.

For example, Young Advisors attended a virtual meeting of the Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel, and delivered a series of presentations and findings of progress across the following areas;

- Make your Mark Results & Drug Awareness - Presentation – by representatives of the Youth Parliament & Youth Council
- Anti-Social Behaviour
- Local Offer for Care Leavers (through work undertaken with Children in Care Voice Group)

Members of the Panel welcomed the views and contributions from young people on issues relevant to them.

# Highlights and Achievements – Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DDT Areas
Policy Framework	<b>Providing assurance, contributing to policy decisions</b> - A number of Statutory Plans and policies were considered prior to their adoption by Full Council, this provides a check and balance, allowing Members an early opportunity to comment on any proposals, such as the Corporate Plan. Regular reviews of the Council's quarterly performance and finance reports and contribution to the budget setting process enabled Members to draw on their knowledge and understanding of the challenges, pressures and opportunities facing the Borough and the Council. The Committee also considered and supported the adoption of the Youth Justice Plan, Local Plan and Doncaster Delivering Together (Borough Strategy) and Statement of Licensing Policy.	All DDT Areas
Quarterly Performance and Finance Management	OSMC continued to <b>review quarterly performance and financial management</b> of the Council, St Leger Homes of Doncaster (SLHD) and Doncaster Children's Services Trust (DCST). This is a key role for the Committee and supports the Council's performance management arrangements by reviewing the extent to which the Council and its key partners are operating within resources and delivering value for money. It is also used as a means of identifying future work plan issues and understanding key service issues. In particular the Committee has focused on the impact of Covid on service delivery and the long-term performance implications this has had on front line services, including domestic violence, waste collection and fly-tipping.	All DDT Areas
Budget Review	<b>Providing assurance and commentary on future resources</b> - OSMC undertook a holistic view of the 2022/23 budget proposals ensuring they were evidence based and supported corporate and borough wide priorities. In addition, the Committee considered the capacity and risks around deliverability and implementation of the proposals. The work being undertaken to propose a balanced budget in line with Doncaster Delivering Together, Central Government policy and a challenging programme of service transformation and savings targets, was addressed during the process.	All DDT Areas

Council Compliments and Complaints	The Committee considered a report summarising the <b>Annual Complaints and Compliments Report for 2020/21 for Doncaster Council and its partners</b> . This is an important document for raising awareness of the types and volumes of complaints, identifying trends, communicating lessons learned and service improvements. The report also enables Councillors to understand the extent to which service complaints impact on performance detailed within the quarterly performance and finance meeting.	All DDT Areas
Commissioning	The Committee was provided with an overview of and subsequently agreed to focus on <b>commissioning services for people who suffered with drug and alcohol abuse</b> . As part of the Committee's consideration, a meeting was held with service users, where good practice and service gaps were considered. The service users provided a massive insight into the lived experience, difficulties they faced but more importantly the positive outcomes through support they had received. To further the Committees work, Members met with partners to address key questions highlighted from discussion with service users. The review is to conclude with a final meeting to address support provided by the South Yorkshire Police Integrated Offender Management Team, Services provided by Aspire on how they assist people at the end of their prison sentence. This will provide a basis for the Committee to consider any recommendations it may wish to forward onto the Executive.	Safe and Resilient
Locality Working	OSMC received a general update on the proposals for the Localities Model and the associated governance arrangements. The Committee has considered the role of the Councillor within the governance structure and the role of Directors as leads for geographical areas (North, South, East and West), how communication will work between the different 'tiers' within each locality, funding streams to support the work and areas of best practice. There was a further opportunity to consider progress at a meeting of the Committee in March 2022 prior to the Locality Plans being presented to Cabinet, when the discussion included health inequalities, effective communication and engagement with other organisations within the localities. The Committee requested a further update as part of their 2022/2023 work plan.	All DDT areas
LGA Peer Review Governance	The Committee held two sessions prior to the LGA Peer Review (Governance) in May 2022 and invited all Members of the Council to attend. The session provided the forum for Members to articulate their thoughts and opinions through a strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats exercise which ultimately contributed to Doncaster's Self-Assessment.	All DDT areas

# Highlights and Achievements – Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Themes
Asset Based Community Development and Well Doncaster	Members addressed European funding, learning from the past and the success of working with the third sector, locality working and communication with communities. The Panel noted the information provided would help inform areas of the Scrutiny Work plan throughout the year.	Safe and Resilient
Changes to the NHS working (Integrated Care System (ICS) White Paper) and potential impacts	An outline was presented to the Panel of the changes to how the NHS operated in England and how the CCG's (Clinical Commissioning Groups) would become part of the Integrated Care System (ICS) and possible impacts on local provision. One area of concern was the focus on equality, but with the absence of a national target, it was the responsibility of "the place" to set ambitions to meet this. The proposals created a greater opportunity to place more emphasis on prevention work than it would through commissioning or contracting models. It was agreed that Scrutiny would continue to closely monitor this issue.	Healthy and Compassionate
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA)	The Panel received the Annual Report providing intelligence on the health and wellbeing of Doncaster and its communities. The report highlighted key areas of work delivered and future actions. The information provided has been helpful in shaping the Scrutiny work Plan.	Healthy and Compassionate
Winter Strategy	An overview on the Winter Planning Context and Approach to Winter Planning/Managing Winter was presented to the Panel. It was reported that there was a well-established system in Doncaster through joint planning undertaken across health and social care involving partners from both the public and private sector. The following issues were raised during consideration; support/care package for supporting social care staff, catch-up work/waiting times reassessments, financial assessments, bed and care capacity, prevention, accessibility/take-up of Covid booster vaccines and communication.	Healthy and Compassionate

Update from Doncaster and Bassetlaw Teaching Hospitals	An annual update from the Chief Executive of Doncaster Royal Infirmary on a range of strategic issues was presented including future aspirations, challenges and impacts. Members considered a number of topics including staff welfare and sickness, mandatory Covid vaccinations for staff, meeting cancer targets, waiting times for the provision of assessments, ambulance care, Emergency Departments, mental health care and finally, suicides amongst young men. It was recommended that as part of the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work plan 2020/21 that there be a future update on mental health and suicide.	Healthy and Compassionate
All Age Carers' Strategy for Doncaster	The Panel supported the draft priorities of the Strategy. Prior to the formal meeting where the Panel discussed the draft priorities of the Strategy, Members met with carers to discuss their main areas of concern and identify good practice. The Panel's findings from this meeting were then used to support their discussions, including financial support, identifying invisible carers and ensuring the system could co-ordinate the right support for them. The Panel also addressed issues including support for young carers, the person centred approach, support and advice, achievements and next steps. The Panel supported the draft priorities of the Strategy and recommended the Action plan be considered within its 2022/23 work plan to review progress made.	Healthy and Compassionate
Health Protection Assurance Annual report 2021/22	The Panel gave consideration to the Annual Report on Health Protection Assurance in Doncaster covering 2021/22. It was acknowledged that the Covid 19 pandemic continued to remain a major health protection threat and there had been a co-ordinated and sustained response. Members considered a number of duties and functions that ensured the health protection assurance system in Doncaster was robust, safe and effective, meeting the statutory duty placed on local government to protect the health of the people of Doncaster.	Healthy and Compassionate Safe and Resilient
Quality of Adult Social Care services including Covid response	Members received an overview of registered care provision, Covid response and quality of provision including Care Quality Commission (CQC) inspection outcomes. The Panel noted that the Omicron Covid strain had felt much different to previous strains with much higher sickness rates. The Panel acknowledged staff commitment and the strong partnership working which had ensured continued delivery of services at all times.	Healthy and Compassionate

<p>Care Quality Commission NHS settings</p>	<p>The Panel sought reassurance that systems and processes were in place to monitor the quality of care and patient safety within NHS commissioned services bearing in mind the transition from the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) to the ICS (Integrated Care System) scheduled for July 2022. The Panel considered a number of issues which included ensuring good outcomes for residents of Doncaster and ensuring their support was not lost within the South Yorkshire organisation. Members noted the complex position and requested an update be provided in the 2022/23 work plan.</p>	<p>Healthy and Compassionate Safe and Resilient</p>
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# Highlights and Achievements – Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Theme
Children's Social Care	The Panel focused on early help as part of its Safeguarding themed report, particularly impacts during lock down. Some of the areas addressed included the number of referrals, partners refilling their substantive roles following easing of Covid restrictions, family support during lockdown and communication following early help referrals. It was recommended that the Panel discuss social care front door referrals with Headteachers, the findings of which were forwarded to the Director for Learning, Opportunities and Skills.	Healthy and Compassionate
Doncaster Children's Trust and Care Leavers (DCST)	<p>The Panel was able to meet the representatives from DCST, to gain an understanding of how the service operated. Presentations addressed priorities, work undertaken and the Local Offer for Care Leavers. This positive engagement assisted the Panel moving forward in capturing the views of young people and developing their understanding of how they are impacted by the delivery of services.</p> <p>The Panel also received an overview of upcoming policies that would require Members' input.</p>	Healthy and Compassionate
Youth Council representatives	<p>Members have had the opportunity to meet with Youth Councillors on 3 occasions both informally and at a formal meeting of the Panel. The informal discussions were used to get to know each other, look at what a Scrutiny Councillor's role was, why the young people nominated themselves to be a representative of the Youth Council or a Young Advisor and what their areas of interests were. The formal session received presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Youth Council Elections</li> <li>• Make your Mark Results</li> <li>• Drug Awareness;</li> <li>• Anti-Social Behaviour</li> <li>• Reduce Domestic Abuse campaign</li> </ul>	Healthy and Compassionate



	As a result of discussions, the Panel offered to share the #ReduceDomesticAbuse on their own social media pages to help spread support available for children and young people.	
Young Advisors	Doncaster's Young Advisors are invited to attend most scrutiny panel meetings, where they aid discussion and bring unique insight and knowledge about a number of areas including service delivery and evaluation. The Panel is extremely grateful for their time and contribution.	Healthy and Compassionate
Education and Skills in Doncaster, Mental Health and Speech and Language Therapy	The Panel considered developments in Education and Skills during the academic year 2020-2021 and further developments during the Autumn Term 2021. This included the Education and Skills Strategy 2030 and the development of a Talent and Innovation Eco-system, school attendance, developments in Speech and Language Therapy and finally, the continuing work to further develop good inclusion practices within schools and reduce exclusions (including developments in alternative provision). The Panel supported the work being undertaken and the development of the Talent and Innovation Eco-system. In terms of children's health issues including mental health and Speech and Language Therapy, the Panel requested that a joint meeting with the Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel be held to focus on those areas. Following this meeting the Panel requested updates on these areas as part of its 2022/2023 workplans.	Skilled and Creative
SEND (Special Educational Needs and Development)	A presentation was delivered outlining the refreshed Special Education Needs Strategy, the six priorities that underpin the Strategy alongside the progress made over the last two years in its implementation. The areas Members addressed included Early Help, children with social emotional and mental health, literacy and development during Covid, Education, Health and Care plans and General Development Assessments. The comments made by the Panel will be taken on board to inform the SEND Strategy.	Healthy and Compassionate Skilled and Creative

# Highlights and Achievements – Regeneration and Housing Scrutiny Panel

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	DGT Theme
Doncaster Town Centre Markets (Market Operator)	Following a decision to provide temporary financial assistance to the Market Operator. Overview and Scrutiny requested an update on the performance of the markets. As part of the holding to account role, a representative from MAM (market operator) was in attendance at the meeting and Members were given the opportunity to seek information on footfall, communications, upcoming events and further developments as well as identifying any specific concerns. The Panel was updated on developments and performance which ensured Members were better informed and had a better understanding of the market management arrangements.	Prosperous and Connected
Town Centre economy	The Panel has continued to undertake a watching brief around town centre issues, particularly the impact of Covid-19 and changing socio-economic demands on the town centre.	Safe and Resilient
Social housing post Covid easing restrictions	Members were presented with a report relating to homelessness, which outlined the duty to provide temporary accommodation to certain prescribed groups, namely those with dependent children or deemed to be vulnerable. The position following the Covid lockdown was recognised and the Panel wished to highlight the good practice in Doncaster, achieved through partnership working. It was recognised that the Complex Lives Alliance, pre-Covid, had made a positive impact that had continued throughout the pandemic.	Safe and Resilient
Regeneration	Members reviewed the broader context of the Urban Masterplan, how it had been developed and delivered and new proposals moving forward. The immediate challenges faced were recognised with the importance of focusing on the urgent needs of the Town Centre and its businesses. Discussion also focused on Doncaster's Town Deal, the	Safer and Resilient

	Waterdale area and Levelling up fund. The Panel will continue to review and spotlight these issues as part of its ongoing work plan.	
Employment programme opportunities	Following the impact of Covid, the Panel sought views of the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) and the Business Doncaster Team relating to this issue. The Panel was satisfied with the direction being taken and effective partnership working and engagement with local businesses. The discussion also considered challenges around youth employment, barriers to employment and availability of high skilled jobs in Doncaster (as well as skilled individuals to meet that demand).	Prosperous and Connected Skilled and Creative

# Highlights and Achievements – Community and Environment Scrutiny Panel

Topic Area	Added Value/Impact	
Flood Planning Preparation	Over recent years the Panel has undertaken reviews into the effects of flooding across the Borough. As part of its overview role, Members were provided with an update on the work carried out by the Council's Flood Risk Team, the Local Authority's winter readiness arrangements and the borough's overall flood risk. The challenges faced in delivering flood alleviation schemes, including funding projects, was also addressed. The Panel will continue to monitor the position moving forward.	Safe and Resilient
Domestic Abuse Strategy	As part of its pre-decision role, the Panel looked at the new 2021-2024 Domestic Abuse Strategy. Members questioned how the Strategy will provide a coordinated community response as well as whole family response that details clear objectives. The Panel supported the Strategy but requested an update when it met as the Crime and Disorder Committee to scrutinise the Safer Doncaster Partnerships performance and hold them to account.	Safe and Resilient
Community Safety Strategy	Prior to the Strategy being presented to Full Council for decision, the Panel gave consideration to and supported the Community Safety Strategy. Members of Doncaster's Community Safety Partnership were in attendance to answer Members questions, look at the robustness of the consultation undertaken and understand the alternative engagement methods used (arising from the Covid pandemic), confidence to report crime, substance misuse reduction and the Clear, Hold and Build Strategy.	Safe and Resilient
Sustainability / Environmental Strategy	The Panel discussed communication and engagement of the strategy, the Council's transport fleet, biodiversity lost as part of new developments, tree planting targets and energy co-operatives. The Panel acknowledged the 111	Safe and Resilient

	environmental actions, which helped reinforce the enormity and complexity of the issue. To focus its efforts more effectively, the Panel will continue to focus on a small number of key areas over the forthcoming year.	
Social Inclusion Alliance	The Panel received an update on the Alliance, noting that it comprised of around 60 organisations, raising awareness of the scale of social isolation and loneliness and providing community support within Doncaster. Following the Panel's initial consideration in early 2019, Members were informed that based on the measure of sustainability and support from local voluntary groups, communities and faith groups, that the work had been deemed a success, particularly during the lockdown. It was recognised that more work was required in relation to raising awareness about the positive work undertaken.	Safe and Resilient
Crime and Disorder Committee - Reflection on COVID Period	<p>The Panel discharges the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee functions, annually reviewing the work of the local partnership responsible for Crime and Disorder Reduction. This year, the Panel considered the Safer Stronger Doncaster Partnership's performance enabling it to hold key partnership arrangements to account by questioning South Yorkshire Police and Local Authority representatives on each priority undertaken including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tackling Domestic and Sexual Abuse</li> <li>• Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour</li> <li>• Tackling Serious and Organised Crime</li> <li>• Reducing Crime and Re-offending</li> <li>• Reducing substance and alcohol misuse</li> <li>• Reducing Violence and Violent Crime</li> </ul> <p>The Panel also received presentations on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Police Resources and demands; and</li> <li>• Anticipate funding update and results.</li> </ul>	Safe and Resilient

	<p>As part of the discussions, and as detailed earlier, an update was provided on the Domestic Abuse and Community Safety strategies. The Panel's work plan for 2022/23 will propose the Panel undertake further work on reviewing how the partnership can contribute to reducing violence against women.</p>	
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# Overview and Scrutiny Priorities for 2022/23

## **Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will consider:**

- 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 2022/23 and beyond;
- Undertake pre-decision scrutiny of key policy issues such as Youth Justice Plan and Culture Strategy
- Poverty
- Commissioning Review (Alcohol and Substance Misuse)
- Borough Strategy (Delivering Doncaster Together (DDT))/Corporate Plan
- Compliments and Complaints
- Local Plan
- Localities
- Fairness and Wellbeing Commission

## **Children and Young People's Panel will consider;**

- Children's Social Care Front Door Referrals
- Home to School Transport Policy
- Elective Home Education (EHE)/missing from education.
- Post Covid - Impact on Children to include Children's Mental Health (Strategy Update)/0-3 Year Olds
- Schools Education Results
- Youth Council Priorities (and for information Children and Young Peoples Plan)
- Youth Offer
- SEND Strategy Update/The Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Green Paper
- Early Help Strategy/Children and Young Peoples Plan
- Transfer of Doncaster Children's Services Trust to the Council
- Looked After Children (LAC)

## **Regeneration and Housing Panel will consider;**

- S106 and Planning Reform Legislation
- Regeneration - Major schemes, Emerging projects and Airport regeneration sites
- Employment - Support into employment including the provision and effectiveness of programs that help people with various barriers
- Housing - Housing Allocations Policy 2022/23 and Improving Council housing stock;
- Local Plan – update including delivery of key housing projects and connectivity

## **Communities and Environment Panel will consider**

- Community Assets/Community Asset Transfer
- Environmental Issues including;
  - Environmental & Sustainability Strategy Action Plan 22/23 Update
  - Recycling and Collection of Fly-tipping – what has been successful in other areas

- Flooding/winter planning
- As Crime and Disorder Committee (CDC) to consider areas including;
  - Domestic Abuse
  - Safety for women and girls in Doncaster
  - Community Safety Strategy update
  - Safer Doncaster Partnership Priorities

**Health and Adult Social Care Panel will consider;**

- Adults Mental Health
- Speech and Language Update
- Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and plans to address health inequalities
- Primary Care Update/ Adult Social Care/Access to primary care (CQC)
- Carers Strategy (Action Plan) Update
- Update from Doncaster & Bassetlaw Hospital Trust
- Winter Planning
- Integration Care System Update
- Links with Social Care and Housing.
- Local Account Adult Social Care perspective (for 2024)
- Public Health Protection Update (including long covid).
- Care Quality Commission (CQC) Access to Primary Care (including GP Services)
- Ambulance Times
- Integration White Paper
- Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC)



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