

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To provide an update on the scrutiny work programme and discuss the 2016/2017 programme of scrutiny reviews.

2. COMPLETED SCRUTINY REVIEWS 2015/16

Obesity Review

The report and recommendations arising from this review were presented to Cabinet on the 4th August 2016, and a written response was available at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 21st November 2016. A six month update on the implementation of some of the accepted recommendations was presented to the 8th May Committee. Progress of the recommendations relating to work by Leisure Services was not available. These recommendations are still being developed and an update will be available for the September Committee.

3. SCRUTINY REVIEWS 2016/17

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee carried out two in depth scrutiny reviews, as part of the 2016/2017 work programme. All reviews in the programme have now been completed.

3.1 Final Reports

- **Elderly Persons Working Group; and**

- **Income Generation Working Group**

The final report and recommendations arising from these two working groups are attached at **Appendix 1**. Subject to the approval of this Committee, the report will be submitted to the Cabinet meeting on the 27th July, and the relevant Portfolio Holder will be asked to provide a written response within 28 days of the meeting. This will be available at the 18th September Committee.

3.1 Gedling Councillor Standard

Working Group members: Councillor Collis, Elliott, Miller, Paling, Parr, Scoggie.

This working group which will be developing a set of guidance which will determine standards of behaviour expected from elected members will be starting shortly.

4. SCRUTINY IN COMMITTEE

4.1 Programme of Portfolio Holder Attendance

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 8th May 2017, the continuation of the programme of Portfolio Holder attendance was discussed. It was agreed to continue with the programme, and also that as previously agreed areas of performance within each Portfolio would be identified, and questions for Portfolio Holders submitted in advance of each meeting. A programme of Portfolio Holder attendance for the forthcoming year is currently being developed.

5 PROPOSED REVIEWS 2017/18

5.1 Improving the effectiveness of scrutiny

Although the Committee approved the continuation of the programme it was decided that a working group should be convened to consider the effectiveness of the programme, and to explore other ways of evaluating performance.

5.2 Promoting the transparency of the Council

When considering the continuation of the trial for the recording of meetings, Members proposed that a review should be established that would consider options available that could be used to increase interest in and transparency of Council committees. This would include considering how the use of new technology could be used enhance this.

- 5.3** When establishing a working group to carry out an in-depth review, nominations are invited from members of the Committee, with an open call for the involvement from wider Members not currently sitting on the Overview Scrutiny Committee or Cabinet. Consideration should be given to the inclusion of Youth Council members on this review.

Members are requested

- decide if they would like to convene a working groups to take these suggestions forward; and if so
- consider the membership of the working groups and the inclusion of Youth Council members.

The scrutiny work programme is attached at **Appendix 2**.

6. INFORMATION UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS ITEMS AT COMMITTEE

At the last meeting of the Committee members heard about the actions to support the signing of the Armed Forces Community Covenant. Members invited Councillor Collis as the Council's Policy Advisor for armed forces relationships. Councillor Collis was unable to attend this committee. Members are asked to consider if they would like to invite him to the September Committee.

7. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Consider and agree the completed scrutiny working group reports
- Note the information relating to the continuation of the Portfolio Holder Programme
- Consider the proposed working groups and the membership.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1A: Elderly Persons Working Group Final Report

1B: Income Generation Working Group Final Report

Appendix 2: Scrutiny work programme