

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 2017/2018 programme of scrutiny reviews.

2. COMPLETED SCRUTINY REVIEWS 2017/18

2.1 Improving the Effectiveness of Scrutiny Working Group

Working Group members: Councillor Paling, Lawrence, Doyle, Poole, Miller

This working group has now completed its discussions and developed a draft report with recommendations attached at **Appendix 1**. Prior to attending the Committee Members are asked to consider if they have any observations that can be incorporated in the recommendations. To assist with this relevant sections from the Constitution, regarding the roles and responsibilities of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, are attached at **Appendix 2**. Members will have the opportunity to discuss and comment on the recommendations made by the working group.

2.2 The Gedling Councillor Standard

Working Group members: Councillor Adams, Barnfather, Paling, Parr, Collis.

This working group held two meetings and concluded that there was little value in further discussion of the creation of a 'Gedling Councillor Standard' document but felt it would be more appropriate to make a

number of broader recommendations for consideration. The report and recommendations from this working group are attached at **Appendix 3**.

3.1 SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS

The completion of the two scrutiny reviews means that currently there are no scrutiny working groups. The Committee may want to consider establishing a working group to carry out a scrutiny review which would focus on a particular issue.

Members are asked to discuss::

- If there are issues they would like to look at in depth; or
- if they would like to receive information to determine if there is an issue they would like to examine further prior to establishing a working group

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. Councillor Gregory will be attending the May Committee and this will conclude the programme of Portfolio Holder attendance for this year.

The Overview and Scrutiny forward plan is attached at **Appendix 4**

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Discuss and agree the reports and recommendations of the:
 - I. Effectiveness of Scrutiny Working Group
 - II. Councillor Standard Working Group

- Consider how they want to take the programme of scrutiny reviews forward
- Note the information relating to the continuation of the Portfolio Holder Programme.
- Note the forward plan.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Draft Report Effectiveness of Scrutiny Working Group

Appendix 2: Roles and Responsibilities

Appendix 3: Draft Report the Gedling Councillor Standard

Appendix 4: Overview and Scrutiny forward plan.