

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Work Programme Development 2018/19

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To identify potential items for the Committee to consider in 2018/19 work programme.

2. BACKGROUND

One of the main roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee is establishing and managing the Council's programme of scrutiny work.

This includes:

- agreeing a programme of work for the municipal year
- monitoring progress of the programme throughout the year
- developing reports and recommendations on issues of local concern
- evaluating the progress of any recommendations made.

Effective work programming is important for effective scrutiny. When setting the work programme the Committee should aim to have clear priorities for what it is hoping to achieve and how they want to do it.

The work programme which is a flexible plan outlines the programme for the coming municipal year and is usually developed at the first meeting after the annual Council. The programme is drawn together by the Chair and members of the Committee and can include issues put forward by Members, topics that arise during discussion with Portfolio Holders and senior officers, concerns generated from the corporate complaints policy, or performance data and potential issues arising from corporate priorities or the Forward Plan.

3. SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2018/19

Regular items in the programme

Regular items in the programme include scrutiny of Portfolio Holders with a focus on performance, and examining the work of the local Community Safety Partnership.

Identification of issues for in-depth scrutiny

The Committee is asked to discuss and identify issues they would like to include in the work programme for 2018/19. This is for inclusion in the programme for Committee meetings and also for in depth examination by task and finish working groups. Attached at **Appendix 1** is a list of issues identified as possible areas for examination. Members are asked to consider all the suggestions put forward and decide how to address the issues identified. Items put forward could be included in the Committee agenda, be addressed by short, time limited reviews of two or three meetings, or be programmed for longer in depth examination. Members are reminded when identifying issues for examination consideration should be given to how the review will result in improvements for local people.

4. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Discuss and consider issues for future examination.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Potential issues identified for scrutiny.