

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 2018/2019 programme of scrutiny reviews.

2. INFORMATION UPDATES FROM PREVIOUS ITEMS AT COMMITTEE

I. Reports and Notices received by the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee as required under the Constitution or Law.

At the last Committee Members had a number of questions relating the relevance of the inclusion of these reports in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee agenda and asked for clarification of their role when they receive this information.

Helen Barrington, Director of Organisational Development and Democratic Services is attending this Committee to explain to the Committee their responsibilities when receiving these reports.

II. Additional information requested when Councillor Ellis, Portfolio Holder for Public Protection attended

At the last Committee members requested additional information relating to domestic violence incidents in Gedling.

An update from the Community Safety and Safeguarding Manager is attached at **Appendix 1**.

3. COMPLETED SCRUTINY REVIEWS

- **The Gedling Councillor Standard**
- **The Effectiveness of Scrutiny**

The report and recommendations were presented to Cabinet on the 3rd May 2018 and a written response was presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the 23rd July 2018. A six month update on the progress of the implementation of the accepted recommendations is attached at **Appendix 2 & 3**.

4. SCRUTINY WORKING GROUPS

Wellbeing of Young People.

Working group members: Councillors McCrossen (Chair), Barnes, Greensmith, Paling and members of the Youth Council.

At the last meeting members of the working group learnt about the role Gedling Borough Council has in coordinating, supporting, and encouraging work with young people. Representative from the Nottinghamshire County Council Youth Service and Public Health Nottinghamshire have been invited to the next meeting.

Waste Management and Recycling

Working group members: Councillors Feeney (Chair), Paling, Truscott, Doyle, Weisz and members of the Gedling Climate Change Group.

Veolia and the County Council, as the waste disposal authority, attended the last meeting of the working group and discussed how the contract for waste disposal was developed and how the recycling of some items is constrained by the lack of available markets to dispose of recycling waste. A visit to the depot has been arranged and the working group will shortly be developing its final report and recommendations.

Additional members to both these working groups would be welcome.

5. SCRUTINY IN COMMITTEE

At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in June 27th 2016, members agreed to continue with a programme of attendance by Portfolio Holders and relevant officers at committee. Areas of performance within each

Portfolio for examination will be identified, and questions for Portfolio Holders submitted in advance of each meeting, however 'ad hoc' questions may be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members will also be invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

To enable the Leader and Deputy to attend and answer Members questions regarding their responsibilities an additional Overview and Scrutiny Committee has been schedule for the 4th February 2019.

The programme for 2018/19 is below:

February 4th 2019	Councillors Clarke and Payne
March 11th 2019	Councillor Hollingsworth

The scrutiny work programme is attached at **Appendix 4**.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

- Consider and comment on the information update relating to domestic violence
- Discuss the six month update of the completed scrutiny reviews
- Consider and comment on the updates from the scrutiny working groups
- Note the work programme forward plan.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Information update domestic violence

Appendix 2: 6 month update The Gedling Councillor Standard

Appendix 3: 6 month update The Effectiveness of Scrutiny

Appendix 4: Overview and Scrutiny forward plan.