

**Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Subject:** Scrutiny Work Programme

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**Purpose**

To provide an update on the current scrutiny work programme.

**Recommendation(s)**

**That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:**

- 1) Note the update on scrutiny working groups**
- 2) Consider and discuss the scrutiny work programme; and**
- 3) Consider if there are any issues in the Forward Plan which require additional information.**

**1 2020/2021 Scrutiny Work Programme**

**1.1 Scrutiny Working Groups**

**Planning Policy White Paper ‘Planning for the Future’ Consultation**

The working group that considered proposals for reform of the planning system, met twice and discussed a number of questions which were embedded in the document. Their response to the consultation has been forwarded to the Planning Policy Officer prior to the consultation deadline.

**1.2 Flooding**

Working group members: Councillors Boyle, Clunie, Greensmith, Paling, M Smith and M Smith

At the first meeting of the working group the focus for the review was, discussed, this will include assessing the current risks and causes of surface water flooding, reviewing the effectiveness of mitigation measures and examining how this authority prepares, assists and supports residents during surface water flooding incidents. How relevant agencies coordinate their activities and what lessons can be learnt from the flooding events during 2019 will also be considered. At the recent second meeting members discussed a range of related issues with officers from Gedling Borough.

- 1.3** Members may now want to consider commencing the housing review agreed at the July committee. The suggested areas for consideration included housing development and the provision of social and affordable housing. The key questions and focus for the review will be developed at the first meeting. Members who previously indicated they would like to be included in this review were Councillors Boyle, Clunie, Gibbons, Greensmith, Hope, Paling and Ellis. Additional members would be welcome.

Before starting this review Members may want to discuss if there are any other issues they would like to prioritise for examination.

## **2 Scrutiny in Committee**

- 2.1** At the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 20th July 2020, 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 would be identified, and questions for Portfolio Holders submitted in advance of each meeting, however 'ad hoc' questions could be put forward at the meeting itself. Non-executive members will also be invited to submit questions for the Portfolio Holder.

- 2.2** The programme for 2020/21 is below

9 <sup>th</sup> November	Councillor David Ellis. Public Protection The annual review of Crime and Disorder Partnerships
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18 <sup>th</sup> January	Councillor Viv McCrossen Young People and Equalities Councillor Henry Wheeler Health, Housing and Wellbeing
8 <sup>th</sup> March	To be confirmed
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	To be confirmed.

The scrutiny work programme is attached at **Appendix 1**. The work programme is to assist the management of the committee agenda, the scheduling of the committee business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed as required. Committee members can suggest issues for possible inclusion.

- 5.3 A copy of the Forward Plan which sets out details of key and non-key decisions which the Cabinet, individual portfolio holders or officers expect to take during the next four months period is attached at **Appendix 2**. A key decision is one that has financial implication over £500,000 or one that affects two or more wards. This is included to make members aware of planned decisions and to assist them to consider if there are any decisions about which they may want further information.

## **6 Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **7 Legal Implications**

- 7.1 There are no legal implication arising from this report.

## **8 Equalities Implications**

- 8.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

## **9 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications**

- 9.1 There are no carbon reduction/environmental sustainability implications arising from this report.

## **10 Appendices**

Appendix 1. Committee 2020/21 Work Programme

Appendix 2. Forward Plan October 2020-January 2021.