

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 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.**

2 2020/2021 Scrutiny Work Programme

2.1 Scrutiny Working Groups

2.2 Flooding

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

Due to the pandemic and the limited amount of technical officer time available at Notts. County Council the focus of this review has been reconsidered and it will now be examining the role of Gedling Borough Council during flooding incidents. Members of the working group have recently been discussing this with officers from the Parks and Street Care Team and the Health and Safety Manager.

2.3 Domestic Abuse and Access to Emergency Accommodation

Working group members: Councillors Boyle, Clunie, Rachael Ellis, Roxanne Ellis and Paling.

The working group is examining the provision of emergency accommodation and support available to prevent homelessness for people (and in many cases their children) experiencing domestic abuse. This will include examining the provision of refuge places and emergency accommodation for survivors and their children, reciprocal refuge arrangements with other local authorities and the use of the Sanctuary Scheme to enable people to stay safely in their own homes. At the first meeting of the group members learnt about the responsibilities of Gedling Borough Council. The Notts. County Council Senior Public Health Commissioning Officer will be attending the next meeting to inform members about their role in contracting organisations to undertake the provision of advice and support services.

3 Scrutiny in Committee

- 3.1 At the last committee concern was raised about the shortage of social/affordable accommodation, the reticence of developers to build housing to meet this demand and the need for the authority to increase its own housing stock. A report will be available for the next committee and members are invited to raise any other related concerns they would like including in the report.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The programme for 2020/21 is below

8 th March	Councillor Jenny Hollingsworth, Growth and Regeneration.
22 nd 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.

- 3.4. 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.

4 Financial Implications

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

5 Legal Implications

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

6 Equalities Implications

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

7 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

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

8 Appendices

Appendix 1. Committee 2020/21 Work Programme

Appendix 2. Forward Plan October 2020-January 2021.