

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme

Date: 8th March 2021

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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.

The working group will meeting shortly to develop conclusions and recommendations arising from the information they have received.

2.3 Domestic Abuse and Access to Emergency Accommodation

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

A representative from Juno Women's Aide will be attending the next meeting of the working group to inform members about the advice, support, refuge and temporary accommodation they provide for victims of domestic abuse.

3 Scrutiny in Committee

3.1 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.

3.2 The programme for 2020/21 is below

26th April	Councillor P Barnes Councillor G Gregory
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3.3 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 implications 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 February 2021 – 31st May 2021.