

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.

Recommendation(s)

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Considers the Executive Member's response to the Domestic Abuse and Access to Emergency Accommodation working group recommendations;
- 2) Notes the information in the "Follow up" section of the report; and
- 3) Identifies any further areas for examination in the 2021/22 work programme

2. Scrutiny Working Groups

2.1. Domestic Abuse and Access to Emergency Accommodation

The final report of the Domestic Abuse and Access to Emergency Accommodation Working Group was presented to Cabinet in July. A copy of the response from the Portfolio Holder for Public Protection is attached at **Appendix 1**. Members are asked to consider the response and make any comments as they see fit.

2.2 Waste Policy

The final report and recommendations arising from the working group are attached at **Appendix 2**. Subject to the approval of the Committee, the report will be submitted to the October meeting of Cabinet, alongside the

Waste Policy, as a piece of pre-decision scrutiny work. The relevant Portfolio Holder will be asked to provide a written response within 28 days.

3 Follow up from previous meetings

Defibrillators

At its July meeting the Committee requested information on the availability of defibrillators in the borough as an area of potential exploration. The following information has been found that may be of interest:

The Council has defibrillator (AED) equipment at its Civic Centre main site, all leisure centres and the Country Park. There are staff trained in the use of the equipment, although its use does not require specific training.

In terms of information about the wider availability of defibrillators the British Heart Foundation (BHF) is currently working on “The Circuit” a national database of AEDs which will be available to the emergency services in all 14 ambulance service areas.

The project will eventually lead to a searchable national database accessible to the public. Work to achieve this is ongoing and the BHF expect it to be available sometime during 2021.

It is therefore sensible to recommend that this piece of work is revisited in 2022 once the national database is established and coverage of AEDs across the Borough is known.

4 Work Programme

A draft skeleton programme was discussed at the previous meeting and has been updated and attached as **Appendix 3**.

The programme of portfolio holder attendance will continue, as will other standing items such as performance, and members are invited to put forward any additional ideas for inclusion in the work programme.

To aid the Committee, a copy of Cabinet Portfolios is attached at **Appendix 4** and a copy of the Current Executive Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix 5**.

5 Financial Implications

5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6 Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

7 Equalities Implications

7.1 There are no equality implications arising from this report.

8 Carbon Reduction/Environmental Sustainability Implications

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

9 Appendices

Appendix 1 – Response to Domestic Violence Review recommendations

Appendix 2 – Report of the Waste Policy Working Group

Appendix 3 – Draft Work Programme

Appendix 4 – Cabinet Portfolios

Appendix 5 - Executive Forward Plan