

# Report of the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held on Wednesday 26 April 2017.

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### Subject:

Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – DRAFT Work Programme 2017/18

### Summary statement:

This report includes topics that could be included in the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2017/18.

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### Portfolio:

**Corporate.  
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### Overview & Scrutiny Area:

**Corporate.**



## **1. SUMMARY**

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## **2. BACKGROUND**

2.1 The Council constitution requires all Overview and Scrutiny Committees to produce a work programme.

2.2 At its meeting on Wednesday 5 April 2017, members of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee resolved to consider the Draft Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2017-18 at its next meeting.

2.3 Attached as appendix 1, are the topics that members have requested to be considered and currently these topics will form the work programme for 2017-18. Members may want to consider some of the topics contained in Appendix 1, as information circulated through a briefing note. However after having considered the briefing note, if members still feel that the particular topic should be considered formally by the Committee; the Work Programme can be amended.

## **3. OTHER CONSIDERATIONS**

3.1 The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the responsibility for “the strategies, plans, policies, functions and services directly relevant to the corporate priority about customer services and e-government, that improve the Councils ability to deliver, govern and change, community cohesion and all other corporate matters not falling within the responsibility of any other Overview and Scrutiny Committee.” (Council Constitution, Part 2, 6.2.1).

3.2 The remit of this Committee also includes:

- the co-ordination of the discharge of the Overview and Scrutiny role within the Council and in relation to external bodies;
- supporting the Executive through its contribution towards the improvement of the Council’s performance;
- co-ordinating the development of the Overview and Scrutiny role within the Council.

3.3 Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that “work programming should be a continuous process”. It is important to review work programmes, so that important or urgent issues that arise during the year are able to be scrutinised. Furthermore, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove areas of work which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee’s work programme be regularly reviewed by members of the committee throughout the municipal year.

3.4 The work programme as agreed by the Committee will form the basis for the Committee's work during the 2017-18 year, but will be amended as issues arise during the year.

#### **4. OPTIONS**

4.1 The Committee may choose to add to or amend the topics included in the 2017-18 work programme for the committee.

4.2 Members may wish to consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that it may wish to conduct.

#### **5. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL**

5.1 None.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES**

6.1 None.

#### **7. LEGAL APPRAISAL**

7.1 None.

#### **8. OTHER IMPLICATIONS**

##### **8.1 EQUALITY & DIVERSITY**

Community Cohesion and Equalities related issues are part of the work remit for this Committee.

##### **8.2 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

##### **8.3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS**

None.

##### **8.4 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

A key priority of work for this Committee related to the Overview and Scrutiny of the strategies, plans, policies, functions and services directly relevant to the priority of Safer and Stronger Communities.

As well as this, the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is also the authority's Crime and Disorder Committee under the provisions of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006.

## **8.5 HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS**

None.

## **8.6 TRADE UNION**

None.

## **8.7 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

Work of this Overview and Scrutiny Committee has ward implications, but this depends on that nature of the topic.

## **9. Not for Publications Items**

None.

## **10. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That members consider and comment on the areas of work included in the draft work programme for 2017-18.

9.2 That members consider any detailed scrutiny reviews that they may wish to conduct.

## **11. APPENDICES**

Appendix One – Topics to be included in the 2017-18 Work Programme for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

## **12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Council Constitution.