

Report of the Chair of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the meeting to be held on Tuesday 27 June 2023

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Subject:

CORPORATE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24.

Summary statement:

This report includes proposed items for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee DRAFT work programme for 2023/24. The Committee is asked to consider which items it wishes to include in the work programme.

EQUALITY & DIVERSITY:

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

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Portfolio:

**Corporate
Community Safety**

Overview & Scrutiny Area:

Corporate

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report includes proposed items for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft work programme for 2023/24, which are attached as appendix 1 to this report. The Committee is asked to consider which items it wishes to include in the work programme.
- 1.2 A list of unscheduled topics is attached as Appendix 2 to the report.
- 1.3 Also attached as Appendix 3, is the resolution tracking document which shows the recommendations that the Corporate Overview & Scrutiny Committee made in 2022/23.

2. BACKGROUND

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

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;
 - the strategies, plans, policies, functions, and services directly relevant to the corporate priority about safer and stronger communities;
 - the authority’s Crime and Disorder Committee under the provisions of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006;
 - producing an annual report to Council on the activity of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees;
 - the chair, or in the chairs absence, the Deputy Chair to determine any issue as to the allocation of a responsibility between any of the committees, including the consideration of any decision called-in.
- 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 year, but will be amended as issues arise during the year.

3.5 As well as this, Corporate Overview & Scrutiny members are currently undertaking a Call for Action enquiry into Any Social Behaviour across the District.

4. FINANCIAL & RESOURCE APPRAISAL

4.1 None.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT AND GOVERNANCE ISSUES

5.1 None.

6. LEGAL APPRAISAL

6.2 None.

7. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

7.1 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS

None.

7.2 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS IMPACTS

None.

7.3 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.

7.4 HUMAN RIGHTS ACT

None.

7.5 TRADE UNION

None.

7.6 WARD IMPLICATIONS

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

7.7 IMPLICATIONS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

None.

7.8 ISSUES ARISING FROM PRIVACY IMPACT ASSESMENT

None.

8. NOT FOR PUBLICATION DOCUMENTS

None.

9. OPTIONS

9.1 The Committee may choose to add to or amend the proposed items to be included in the 2023-24 work programme for the committee.

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

10. RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 That members consider and comment on the areas of work to be carried forward into this municipal year.

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

10.3 That the work plan for the committee be approved.

11. APPENDICES

Appendix One – 2023-24 DRAFT Work Programme for the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Appendix Two – 2023-24 Unscheduled Topics.

Appendix Three – 2022-23 Resolution Tracking.

12. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Council Constitution.

2022-23 Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme.