

# **Report of the Director of Legal and Governance to the meeting of the Regeneration & Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee to be held on 18 July 2023**

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**Subject: Regeneration & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme 2023/24**

## **Summary statement:**

This report presents a draft work programme 2023/24 for adoption by the Committee

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## **Portfolios:**

**Regeneration, Planning and Transport  
Healthy People and Places**

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## 1. Summary

- 1.1 This report presents a draft work programme 2023/24 for adoption by the Committee.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required by the Constitution of the Council to prepare a work programme (Part 3E – Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, Para 1.1).

## 3. Report issues

- 3.1 **Appendix A** of this report presents a draft work programme 2023/24. It lists issues and topics that have been identified for inclusion in the work programme and have been scheduled for consideration over coming year.
- 3.2. Best practice published by the Centre for Public Scrutiny suggests that ‘work programming should be a continuous process’<sup>1</sup>. It is important to regularly review work programmes so that important or urgent issues that come up during the year are able to be scrutinised. In addition, at a time of limited resources, it should also be possible to remove projects which have become less relevant or timely. For this reason, it is proposed that the Committee’s work programme be regularly reviewed by Members throughout the municipal year.

## 4. Options

- 4.1 Members may wish to amend and / or comment on the draft work programme at **Appendix A**.

## 5. Contribution to corporate priorities

- 5.1 The Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24 reflects the priority outcomes of the Council Plan in particular: ‘better skills, more good jobs and a growing economy’, ‘decent homes’, ‘better health, better lives’, and ‘a sustainable district’ (Our Council Plan: Priorities and Principles 2021-25).<sup>2</sup>

## 6. Recommendations

- 6.1 That the Committee notes the information in **Appendix A** and that it, along with any amendments or additions is adopted as the Committee’s Work Programme 2023/24.
- 6.2 That the Work Programme 2023/24 continues to be regularly reviewed during the year.

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<sup>1</sup> Hammond, E. (2011) *A cunning plan?* p. 8, London: Centre for Public Scrutiny

<sup>2</sup> Our Council Plan: Priorities and Principles 2021-25 <https://www.bradford.gov.uk/councilplan>

7. **Background documents**

None

8. **Not for publication documents**

None

9. **Appendices**

9.1 **Appendix A** – Draft Regeneration and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme 2023/24