

Overview & Scrutiny (External)

23 March 2021

TASK GROUP UPDATE AND WORK PROGRAMME 2020-2021

Report of Democratic Services Manager

All Wards
Key Decision = N

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present for consideration the proposed draft Overview & Scrutiny (External) Committee Work Programme for the Civic Year 2020-2021 and to seek Members' suggestions for proposed topics for consideration over the coming year.

2.0 Decisions Sought

- 2.1 That the Committee consider the focus of the Committee's work programme for the 2020-21 Civic Year.

3.0 Link to Corporate Priorities

- 3.1 The scrutiny work programme helps to contribute towards the corporate priorities of the Council.

4.0 Introduction & Background

- 4.1 The Scrutiny Work Programme helps the Scrutiny Committees plan and balance its work programme for the year. The work programme is a fluid document which evolves throughout the year to take account of requests from Corporate Board or Council, Members, the public, partners, local groups etc. and unforeseen issues.
- 4.2 The work programme needs to be flexible to allow for an Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be proactive as well as reactive to issues that may occur at some point throughout the year.
- 4.3 Overview and Scrutiny (External) Committee is focussed on reviewing the service provision and performance of partner organisations, over matters such as health, transport and crime & disorder.

5.0 Task Groups Held

- 5.1 No task groups have been held since the last meeting on 21 January as a result of Covid-19.

6.0 Upcoming Work

6.1 A draft Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's information. The plan is designed to be flexible and allow the Committee to respond to issues as they arise, or as the Committee's priorities change. The Committee are invited to provide direction on priorities and methods of scrutinising the matters outlined in the plan.

7.0 Recommendation

7.1 That the Committee consider and approve the work plan included at Appendix 1.

8.0 Corporate Implications

Scrutiny Consultation	N/A.
Community Engagement	Scrutiny welcomes suggestions from the community for inclusion in the workplan and a form is available on the website.
Environment & Sustainability	None
Financial Implications	None
Legal Implications	None
Risk Implications	None
Human Resource Implications	None
Equalities Implications	Scrutiny aims to consider equality and diversity issues within all work that it carries out.
Health & Safety Implications	None

9.0 Further Information

9.1 Background Papers – None

9.2 File Reference – None

9.3 Appendices – Appendix 1 – Scrutiny (External) Work Programme 2020/21

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