

Report to OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2020/21

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Purpose of the Report

For the Overview and Scrutiny Board to review the Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2020/21.

Recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to note and comment on the attached Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2020/21.

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1. Background

- 1.1 Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 4.1 requires each Overview and Scrutiny Committee to prepare and maintain a Committee Work Programme.
- 1.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme presents the issues that the Board will be considering and scrutinising during the 2020/21 Municipal Year. The 2020/21 Work Programme covers the issues to be discussed at each meeting, issues and actions arising, matters identified for consideration at workshops or in task and finish groups, and other matters that have been identified as issues for possible consideration.
- 1.3 Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, several reports on the Work Programme have had to be delayed. These will be monitored by Constitutional Services and placed on the Work Programme following discussion with the Chair as they become available.
- 1.4 With regard to this meeting and the appended Work Programme, several items have been subject to slippage and are to be rescheduled, while a further item has been withdrawn due to its ongoing consideration by the Performance and Value for Money Select Committee. It has, however, proved timely to bring certain items from the 'pending' list for report at this meeting.
- 1.5 The Council meeting on 24th March is to be asked to implement the new overview and scrutiny structure comprising a Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee, a Performance and Value for Money Overview and Scrutiny Committee and a Health Scrutiny Committee, as agreed by the Council at the meeting held on 17th June 2020, with effect from the start of the next Municipal Year. The Statutory Scrutiny Officer and Officers from Constitutional Services will work with the three Overview and Scrutiny Board/Committee Chairs to determine Work Programmes for the new Committees and to develop briefings for scrutiny Members on the new structure and the Council's approach to scrutiny more generally.