

Report to POLICY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22

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Purpose of the Report

For the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee to review the Committee's Work Programme for 2021/22.

Recommendations

The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to note and comment on the attached Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22.

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 Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme presents the issues that the Committee will be considering and scrutinising during the 2021/22 Municipal Year as it works within the agreed terms of reference -
- a) To lead the development of the overview and scrutiny process in Oldham Metropolitan Borough Council, including responsibility for Member development with regard to overview and scrutiny.
 - b) To undertake strategic level scrutiny (having regard to the Prioritisation Framework where relating to significant policy/service change or an area of public or local interest) relating to:
 - Oldham Council;
 - Wholly owned Local Authority Companies;
 - Strategic Partners and Partnerships;
 - Greater Manchester Combined Authority (GMCA), Association of Greater Manchester Authorities (AGMA) and the city region generally;
 - Education (ensuring there is appropriate statutory representation of co-opted members);
 - Community issues which would include crime and disorder, cohesion, housing and environment and regeneration issues etc.; and
 - Area based issues.
 - c) To develop proposals for submission to the Cabinet and/or to scrutinize proposals of the Cabinet in respect of Policy Framework items, such items being as described at Article 4.1 to the Council Constitution.
 - d) To develop proposals for submission to the Cabinet and/or to scrutinize proposals of the Cabinet in respect of the Budget and related strategies etc., such items being as described at Article 4.1 to the Council Constitution.
 - e) To be the designated 'crime and disorder' committee pursuant to s19 of the Police and Crime Act 2006.
 - f) To establish Task and Finish groups, Inquiries etc to give in depth consideration to issues within the purview of the Committee.
 - g) To consider all Call-Ins (with the exception of called in business from the Commissioning Partnership Board) (In the event a call-in related to an education issue, the statutory co-optees would be invited to participate in that matter at the meeting).
 - h) To consider relevant matters referred from Council in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10.11(g).
 - i) To make recommendations to the Cabinet or to any partner organisation on issues scrutinised relevant to those bodies, and where appropriate, direct to Council.
- 1.3 Among the Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee might be regarded as having the more 'strategic' role, scrutinising the Council's key policy items, annual budget proposals, and proposals with significant service and or budgetary implications, while also considering the implications for the Borough and for the Council of proposals being developed at the Greater Manchester (GM) level and by the Council's strategic partners. The strategic role can also be seen as maintaining an oversight of the thematic strands of the Oldham Plan or considering a significant community-based issue having wide ranging implications for the Borough population and

requiring detailed consideration and response by the Council alone, by the Council and its Borough partners, or by the Council, partners and wider agencies.

- 1.4 The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 attached as an Appendix to this report has been updated since Committee Members met informally on 15th June 2021. The principal item of change relates to the convening of a special meeting on 21st July 2021 to consider two time-sensitive items where scheduling was in response to decision timescales at the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

2. Background Papers

- 2.1 There are no background papers as defined by Section 100(1) of the Local Government Act 1972 to this report.

3. Appendices

- 3.1 The Policy Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22 v2.