

Overview and Scrutiny Committee 2021

8th July

Overview and Scrutiny – Work Programme Planning Event

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor David Thain – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
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Wards Affected	All
Ward Councillor(s) consulted	N/A
Relevant Strategic Purpose(s)	All.
Non-Key Decision	
If you have any questions about this report, please contact the report author in advance of the meeting.	

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to RESOLVE to:

- 1) Identify items raised during the Overview and Scrutiny Training session to add to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme; and**
- 2) Note the issues raised as potential items for scrutiny, including pre-scrutiny, in 2021/22 as detailed in appendix 1.**
- 3) Note that members are encouraged to suggest items for scrutiny, including pre-decision scrutiny, throughout the year as and when they feel it would be appropriate.**

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1** This report provides Members with an opportunity to consider the suggestions for new scrutiny items from the Overview and Scrutiny Training that occurred on the 7th June 2021, in which a total of 12 Members attended.

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- 2.2 Members received a presentation from officers in respect to the role of Overview and Scrutiny in the democratic process and the different types of scrutiny activity that could be undertaken. This included information and examples on Overview, Task Groups, Short Sharp Reviews, Working Groups and pre-scrutiny.
- 2.3 During the training, Members were split into three groups and took part in two interactive exercises. The first asked Members to reflect on key issues that they had identified in their wards and whether they would be suitable items for further scrutiny. The second exercise required Members to discuss their ideas, how they could be linked to the strategic purposes and the best way to approach their suggestions for scrutiny.
- 2.4 Topics suggested by Members can be found in appendix 1.
- 2.5 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider whether to add any of these items onto the Committee's work programme for 2021/2022.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 There are no direct financial implications linked to this report.

4. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct legal implications linked to this report.

5. STRATEGIC PURPOSES - IMPLICATIONS

Relevant Strategic Purpose

- 5.1 The issues detailed in this report help to ensure that there is an effective and sustainable Council.

Climate Change Implications

- 5.2 There are no direct climate change implications linked to this report.

6. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Equalities and Diversity Implications

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- 6.1 There are no direct equalities and diversity implications linked to this report.

Operational Implications

- 6.2 Overview and Scrutiny is a Member-led process. Members determine which items are added to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme, what evidence is gathered during an investigation and which recommendations to make to the Executive Committee and / or Council. The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Planning event provided Members with an opportunity to propose items to add to the Committee's work programme.
- 6.3 Overview and Scrutiny activities should focus on strategic issues that matter to residents. The event was designed to enable Members to identify issues that best match this aspiration.
- 6.4 Currently, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee have the Dementia Task Group, which is due to send a report back to the Committee in September 2021, and the Parking on Unicorn Hill Short Sharp Review which is due to update the Committee later in the municipal year. There are also two permanent sub-groups of the Committee, the Budget Scrutiny Working Group and the Performance Scrutiny Working Group. Therefore, there is capacity for an additional Task Group.
- 6.5 Members are asked to note that it is not intended that this event was the only opportunity for Members to suggest items for scrutiny. Members are encouraged to continue to suggest items for scrutiny, including pre-decision scrutiny, throughout the year as and when they feel that this would be appropriate.
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 No risks have been identified in relation to this report.

8. APPENDICES and BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Appendix 1 - Scrutiny topic suggestions from Members at Overview and Scrutiny Training Session and their associated Strategic Purposes – 7th June 2021

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9. REPORT SIGN OFF

Department	Name and Job Title	Date
Portfolio Holder	Cllr David Thain - Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling	30/06/2021
Lead Director / Head of Service	Claire Felton - Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services	25/06/2021
Financial Services	Chris Forrester - Head of Finance and Customer Services	30/06/2021
Legal Services	Claire Felton - Head of Legal, Democratic and Property Services	25/06/2021
Policy Team (if equalities implications apply)	Deb Poole – Head of Transformation, OD & Digital Services	25/06/2021
Climate Change Officer (if climate change implications apply)	Anna Wardell-Hill - Environmental Policy & Awareness Officer	30/06/2021