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**COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME: UPDATE**

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**Purpose**

1. This report calls on Members to agree the Committee's Forward Work Programme for the next scheduled meeting, together with an indicative list for the following month.

**Background**

2. As part of the Council's response to the Wales Audit Office report '*Overview and Scrutiny - Fit for the Future?*' (July 2018), the Head of Democratic Services has introduced publication of Scrutiny Committees "Forward Work Plans" (FWP) on the Council's internet site.
3. The FWP normally covers a 4 monthly period; however, the Committee is developing its work programme over the summer months, with a view to formally agreeing the programme at Committee in September. Given this, the Head of Democratic Services has requested that each Scrutiny Committee agree a list of items proposed for the scheduled September meeting and an indicative list of items proposed for the scheduled October meeting.

**Way Forward**

4. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix A** and agree for this to be published, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting.

## **Legal Implications**

5. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

## **Financial Implications**

6. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Committee is recommended to consider the contents of the updated Forward Work Programme attached at **Appendix A**.

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