

**WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23: UPDATE**

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**Purpose of the Report**

1. This report provides Members with:
  - i. an opportunity to discuss and agree the Committee's updated Work Programme 2022/23
  - ii. an opportunity to discuss and agree a Forward Work Programme covering January 2023- April 2023, for publication on the Council's website.

**Updated Work Programme**

2. At the Committee meeting on 4 October 2022, Members approved the items to include in their work programme for the remainder of the 2022/23 municipal year. This included items at Committee, briefings, visits, and a task group inquiry. The approved work programme was circulated to all Committee Members, Cabinet Members and senior management.
3. Attached at **Appendix A** is the latest version of the Committee's work programme, that shows:
  - i. the items considered at Committee meetings to date
  - ii. the Shaping Cardiff's Post Pandemic Economic Recovery Inquiry is underway
  - iii. changes to timings of agreed committee items, visits, and briefings
  - iv. new items that have emerged since the approved work programme, which Committee has already agreed to scrutinise (*shown in red*)
  - v. items that have slipped from this year's work programme as now anticipated to be ready for scrutiny next Summer/ Autumn.

4. In addition to the items shown at **Appendix A**, during discussions on their work programme at their November committee meeting, Environmental Scrutiny Committee Members raised the possibility of undertaking a joint scrutiny with this Committee of Flat Holm, next Spring. Environmental Scrutiny Committee Members wish to look at how effectively the Council is utilising Flat Holm.

### **Forward Work Programme**

5. 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 the Committee's "Forward Work Plan" (FWP) on the Council's internet site.<sup>1</sup>
6. The next published FWP will cover the period January 2023 – April 2023. At this meeting, Members are asked to consider the information set out in **Appendix B** and agree for this to be published, subject to any amendments agreed at this meeting.

### **Way Forward**

7. Members will have the opportunity to discuss the information provided in **Appendices A and B** and agree whether any amendments are required.

### **Legal Implications**

8. 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

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<sup>1</sup> Available at: <http://cardiff.moderngov.co.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=142&RD=0&LLL=0>

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**

9. 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.

### **Recommendation**

The Committee is recommended to:

- I. Note the updated Work Programme 2022-23 attached at **Appendix A** and agree any amendments required
- II. Consider the updated Committee Forward Work Plan attached at **Appendix B**, agree any amendments required and approve for publication on the Council's internet.

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