

WORK PROGRAMMING

Purpose of the Report

1. For Members' to consider the provisional agenda items of the Community and Adult Services Scrutiny Committee items during the period January – May 2020. The Committee's provisional work programme is attached at **Appendix A**.

Work Programme 2019/20

2. The Constitution states that each Scrutiny Committee will set its own work programme for the forthcoming year (Scrutiny Procedure Rule 7). The Committee is tasked with constructing a work programme for the year ahead that ensures the time available to the Committee is used most effectively, by considering items that maximise the impact of scrutiny in a timely fashion.
3. This Committee's terms of reference give the Committee responsibility for scrutinising, measuring and actively promoting improvement in the Council's performance in the provision of services and compliance with Council policies, aims and objectives in the area of community and adult services, including:

- Public and Private Housing
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Community Safety
- Neighbourhood Renewal and Communities First
- Advice and Benefits
- Consumer Protection
- Older Persons Strategy
- Adult Social Care
- Community Care Services
- Mental Health and Physical Impairment
- Commissioning Strategy
- Health Partnership

4. In addition, this Committee is the designated Crime & Disorder Scrutiny Committee for the Council and as such has responsibility for scrutinising the Community Safety Partnership.

Way Forward

5. During their meeting, Members may wish to:
- I. Consider the provisional agenda items set out for January – May 2020 and inform the Committee of any changes or suggestions they may wish to make.

Legal Implications

16. 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

17. 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:

- I. Consider the provisional agenda items set out for January – May 2020 and inform the Committee of any changes or suggestions they may wish to make.

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