

Local Members' Interest
N/A

Corporate Review Committee – Tuesday 02 April 2019

Select Committee Work Programmes

Recommendation

- a. That Members scrutinise and approve the Select Committee Work Programmes.

Report of the Chairman of Corporate Review Committee

Summary

What is the Select Committee being asked to do and why?

The Corporate Review Committee is invited to scrutinise and approve the Select Committee Work Programmes. If changes are proposed, the Chairman of the relevant Select Committee will go back to the Select Committee to propose any amendments going forward.

Report

Background

1. The Corporate Review Committee has the responsibility for co-ordination of the work of the overview and scrutiny Committees. At a recent meeting of the Scrutiny Chairs it was proposed that this would be best achieved by the Work Programmes being regularly considered on a three/four monthly basis by the Corporate Review Committee.
2. Items are placed on Work Programmes from the following sources:
 - a. Work Programmes are a standing item on all Select Committee Work Programmes and provide an opportunity for Members to comment on the content of, and add items to, the Work Programmes.
 - b. Outside the formal meetings and for the benefit of Members who do not sit on Select Committees, Members may propose the addition of an item for consideration by contacting the Chair/Vice Chair/Scrutiny and Support Manager.
3. Items can be proposed for consideration by Cabinet Members/Officers at triangulation meetings:
 - a. The purpose of the triangulation meeting is to enable a frank and constructive discussion between the Portfolio holder and the Scrutiny Chair/Shadow Portfolio Holder about forthcoming Executive matters (by reference to the Forward Plan) for which scrutiny could have an involvement in. Although there is no requirement to consult Select Committees pre-decision scrutiny Cabinet Members will usually seek Select Committees' views prior to a decision being made. The triangulation meeting provides an opportunity to evaluate the outcomes of previous scrutiny activity; consider any upcoming issues that Cabinet Member considers scrutiny should have involvement in; to discuss the Work Programme over the next quarter, particularly the

timing of items and the approach to dealing with sensitive issues and to consider any blockages that are preventing effective dialogue or the completion of the scrutiny Work Programme.

4. Items can be proposed by officers by contacting the Chair/Vice Chair/Scrutiny Manager.
 - a. Any suggestions are then raised under the Work Programme item on the agenda of the next Select Committee and following agreement the item is added to the Work Programme.
5. Items can be referred from one Committee Chair to another, for example if it is considered more appropriate for a matter to be considered by another Committee.
6. Select Committees have just completed their Work Programmes for 2018-19 and Work Programmes for the coming year have been developed for consideration by the Committees. Copies of the Work Programmes for Corporate Review, Healthy Staffordshire, Prosperous Staffordshire and Safe and Strong Communities for 2019-2020 are attached for Members' consideration.
7. The Corporate Parenting Panel meets monthly and enables the Council to fulfil its corporate parenting responsibilities in respect of children and young people in its care. The Chair of Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee is a member of this Panel and this enables consideration to be given of duplication of issues being considered by the Panel with those considered by the Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee.
8. The MTFs Working Group is a Working Group of the Corporate Review Committee that meets to scrutinise the Council's financial strategy. Meetings of the Working Group are held in private, but the final report of the Working Group is made public.
9. The Work Programmes have been added to the Corporate Review Committee's Work Programme for scrutiny on a four-monthly basis going forward.

Link to Strategic Plan – items on Work Programmes are all linked to the Council's priorities in the Strategic Plan 2018-2022.

Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity – n/a.

Community Impact – n/a.

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List of Appendices:

Work Programmes 2019-20

Corporate Review Committee
Healthy Staffordshire Select Committee
Prosperous Staffordshire Select Committee
Safe and Strong Communities Select Committee