

Local Members Interest
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Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee – Tuesday 05 October 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021-22 Update

Recommendations

I recommend that:

- a. Committee considers the work programmes for 2021-22 as proposed by each Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- b. Committee agree the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021-22

Report of Chair of Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Summary

The Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee is the overarching scrutiny body with responsibility for agreeing an annual work programme for the Council's overview and scrutiny function. Attached in appendices 1-4 are the work programmes proposed by each of the four overview and scrutiny committees for 2021-22.

Members are invited to give consideration to the work programmes for individual Scrutiny committees, identify areas where topics overlap and where necessary, agree which committee should undertake scrutiny of the topic.

1. Background

- 1.1 The Local Government Act 2000 states that Councils operating executive arrangements must also make provision for the appointment of overview and scrutiny committees.
- 1.2 Overview and Scrutiny Committees were established by Council at its annual meeting on 5 May 2021. The thematic committees held initial meetings to receive presentation of the services provided, priorities and challenges for Directorates and Partner organisations

in July. Each Committee discussed their proposals for topics that fell in its remit.

- 1.3 At each meeting, Overview and Scrutiny Members continue to review, develop and progress their programme of work.

2. Current position

- 2.1 This report draws together the work programmes into an annual overview and scrutiny work programme for consideration and monitoring by the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.2 The Committee is asked to consider the work programme for 2021-22 taking into account where scrutiny can add value, strengthen decision making to enhance services that the Council delivers and aligns to the strategic plan.

3. Link to Strategic Plan

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee remits and work programmes are developed to ensure that scrutiny reinforces the value and importance of challenge and they are aligned to the ambitions and delivery of the principles, priorities and outcomes of the Staffordshire Corporate Plan.

4. Link to Other Overview and Scrutiny Activity

- 4.1 The work programme will co-ordinate scrutiny activity between the four Overview and Scrutiny Committees and take into account where and when scrutiny can add value and influence decision making.

List of Appendices:

Appendix 1: Corporate O&S Committee Work Programme
Appendix 2: Health and Care O&S Committee Work Programme
Appendix 3: Prosperous O&S Committee Work Programme
Appendix 4: Safeguarding O&S Committee Work Programme

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