



Report to Scrutiny

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Subject of Report: Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Meeting: Overview and Scrutiny Committee
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Cabinet Responsibility: None – Scrutiny is not an executive function.

Director Responsibility: Helen Harris – Director of Legal and Democratic Services

The OSC work programme sets out the Committee’s programme of work for the year ahead.

Brief: The draft work programme for the year is presented for approval by OSC. OSC can make suggestions for other topics or key areas to scrutinise.

Recommendations: i) That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme (Appendix 1) is agreed.

- ii) That the responses to recommendations from the 2022-23 panels (Appendix 2) are noted.

1. Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

- 1.1 The OSC work programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report. This work programme has been put together through picking up key themes emerging from 2022/23 and in consultation with scrutiny members, executive members and the senior leadership team at the Council in 2023/24.
- 1.2 The work programme is kept under continuous review outside of meetings, including at pre-agenda meetings for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the quarterly work programming meeting for all scrutiny panels which all scrutiny chairs and vice chairs are invited to. Any member may suggest an item for a scrutiny panel to consider, including Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and provisional items can be added on to the work programme and discussed at these fora before being presented to the Committee at its next meeting for approval.
- 1.3 The timings of items are provisional and may change throughout the year depending on other workstreams and strategic issues that emerge.
- 1.4 OSC is reminded that every other meeting is assigned to called-in items only, and if no items are called in then the meeting is cancelled.
- 1.5 Members are asked to make suggestions on additional topics, make comments on the current draft work programme and give their views on the topics not yet assigned.

Responses to recommendations made by the 2022/23 panels

- 1.6 The recommendations and final reports for the 2022/23 panels were considered by Cabinet in the final quarter of 2023. The responses to recommendations from Scrutiny Panel 1 and the Health and Adults Standing Scrutiny Panel are attached to this report as Appendix 2. The reason the recommendations from panels 2, 3 and 4 are not attached is that their final reports were only considered at Cabinet in December. Given this was a month ago, and taking into account the Christmas holidays, it is too early to report on progress of the implementation of these recommendations.

2. Legal Implications

The general scrutiny functions and powers and specific role of Overview and Scrutiny Committee are set out in the Council Constitution.

3. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Support to Overview and Scrutiny Committee is contained within the allocated budget. Value for money will come from OSC having a well-constructed work

programme with each topic for scrutiny having a considered brief and identified outcomes.

4. Other Implications

There are no other implications.

5. Appendices

Appendix 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Appendix 2 – Responses to recommendations made by the 2022-23 scrutiny panels

Consultation

Name of consultee	Post held	Date sent to consultee	Date response received	Comments appear in paragraph:
Internal				
Cllr Yoel Gordon	Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	26 Jan 24		
Cllr Fabio Conti	Vice Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee	26 Jan 24		
Helen Harris	Director of Legal and Democratic Services	26 Jan 24		

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