

Report to:	Scrutiny
Date:	2 September 2019
Title:	Scrutiny Annual Work Programme 2019/2020
Report of:	Catherine Knight, Assistant Director of Legal and Democratic Services
Ward(s):	All
Purpose of report:	For the Scrutiny Committee to agree its Annual Work Programme for 2019/2020 prior to it going to Cabinet on 23 October 2019 and to Full Council for approval on 13 November 2019.
Decision type:	Non-key
Officer recommendation:	(1) That the Scrutiny Committee agrees its work programme as set out at Appendix A to the report.
Reasons for recommendation:	To meet the requirement of the Council's Constitution with regard to the preparation, execution and adjustment of the work programme.
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1 Information

- 1.1 Scrutiny is an important function in the governance of local authorities and allows councillors to review decisions and policies of the Council and the Cabinet, and to consider whether they are appropriate for the Borough. Scrutiny also provides an opportunity for councillors to explore issues in-depth and, where appropriate, undertake reviews on specific topics. Another key function of a scrutiny committee is to look at the Council's performance.
- 1.2 Scrutiny in local government should provide a 'critical friend challenge'....'enable the voices and concens of the public to be heard'....and 'drive improvement', and this can be delivered through the Scrutiny Committee setting its work programme annually. Scrutiny Procedure Rule 7.1 requires the Work Programme to be reviewed on an annual basis in liaison between the Scrutiny Committee, the Cabinet and the Corporate Management Team before being submitted to Council for approval.

The themes on the work programme are drawn from a number of areas and will include emerging/current and local issues and a number of on-going items that form the normal part of the Committee's business, such as monitoring of the Council's performance (through quarterly performance reports), the Council's budget, and crime and disorder in the borough.

1.3 The items suggested for inclusion in the Committee's work programme can be seen as a draft in appendix A to the report.

1.4 Any new topics which are suggested and agreed by the Committee will be brought forward, initially in the form of a scoping report, to a future meeting for further consideration.

2 Financial appraisal

2.1 There are no direct financial implications as a result of this report. The Scrutiny Committee has a limited budget for use when undertaking scrutiny reviews if required.

3 Legal implications

3.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

4 Risk management implications

4.1 There is no requirement for an analysis of risk.

5 Equality analysis

5.1 An equalities impact assessment is not considered necessary for this routine report. Individual projects and service areas are subject to separate equality analysis as part of the Council's wider equality programme.

6 Appendices

- Appendix A – Scrutiny Committee draft Work Programme 2018/2019

7 Background papers

The background papers used in compiling this report were as follows:

- None