



## **Corporate Overview Group**

**Tuesday, 19 November 2019**

### **Consideration of Scrutiny Work Programmes**

## **Report of the Executive Manager – Finance and Corporate Services**

### **1. Purpose of report**

1.1 The terms of reference for the Corporate Overview Group accepted at Council in May 2019 clearly state that a key responsibility of this Group is to:

- Create and receive feedback on work programmes for the Growth and Development, Communities, and Governance Scrutiny Groups based on the Cabinet Forward Plan, Corporate Strategy, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Investment Strategy and Transformation Plan.

1.2 The initial 2019-20 work programmes for Scrutiny Groups were created at the meeting of the Corporate Overview Group in June 2019. To ensure that scrutiny is responsive, effective and an essential part of the Council's decision-making process, it is important that Corporate Overview Group considers the work programmes each time it meets.

### **2 Recommendation**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Corporate Overview Group:

- a) review the work programmes for each of the scrutiny groups (Appendix Two)
- b) consider the complete scrutiny matrices included at Appendix Three and decide whether or not they should be included in a scrutiny group work programme.

### **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

3.1 To fulfil the requirements of the terms of reference for the Corporate Overview Group.

### **4 Supporting Information**

4.1 In March 2019, Council adopted a new structure for scrutiny comprised of one Corporate Overview Group and three additional Scrutiny Groups focused on Growth and Development, Communities, and Governance. The Corporate Overview Group is responsible for setting the work programmes for all scrutiny groups based on the Cabinet Forward Plan, Corporate Strategy,

Medium Term Financial Strategy, Investment Strategy and Transformation Plan. Links to these documents can be found at Appendix One.

- 4.2 Appendix Two shows the work programmes for all scrutiny groups as agreed in June 2019, and updated in September 2019, by the Corporate Overview Group. The Group is asked to consider if the work programmes remain appropriate and achievable for the current year. Work programmes have also been rolled forward into the next municipal year to aid forward planning of activities.
- 4.3 Any additional items, picked up from the Cabinet Forward Plan, Corporate Strategy, Medium Term Financial Strategy, Investment Strategy and Transformation Plan, highlighted by members of the Group, or raised by officers, should be assessed against the scrutiny matrix before a decision is made to include them on a scrutiny group work programme. Appendix Three shows potential items for scrutiny as raised by members of the Corporate Overview Group at the last meeting and the completed matrices for those elements that can be taken forward at this stage.
- 4.4 There will be cases in which scrutiny is not necessary or appropriate at this time. . This is the case where existing member working groups or Growth Boards are in situ which are in effect directing and scrutinising areas of work.

## **5 Risks and Uncertainties**

There are no direct risks associated with this report.

## **6 Implications**

### **6.1 Financial Implications**

- 6.1.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### **6.2 Legal Implications**

- 6.2.1 This report supports effective scrutiny. There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### **6.3 Equalities Implications**

- 6.3.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

### **6.4 Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications**

- 6.4.1 There are no direct Section 17 implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **7 Link to Corporate Priorities**

The construction and delivery of effective scrutiny work programmes will, over time, support each of the Council's Corporate Priorities.

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	None.
<b>List of appendices:</b>	<b>Appendix 1</b> – Document Links <b>Appendix 2</b> – Work Programmes 2019-20 <b>Appendix 3</b> – Items Considered for Scrutiny