Topics identified for the Scrutiny Work Programme 2016/17

Proposed Topic	Objectives	Suggested approach
Local Commissioning (1) – learning from the experience so far	- To understand the different models of local commissioning - To understand the different factors that enable successful local commissioning - To hear about the learning to date from Local Commissioning experiences - To understand the impact of local commissioning decisions - To develop recommendations that will contribute to shaping future local commissioning	Report and presentation to the Scrutiny Committee Task and Finish Group to investigate the specific points
Local Commissioning (2) – working together with Town and Parish Councils and the VCSE (to meet our future challenges)	- To work alongside existing discussions with T&PC and VCSE and add value to finding workable options for the future - To understand the opportunities and threats that exist - To consider and set out options to address emerging issues e.g. - equity of payment for services provided by T&PCs through their local precept by people from outside of their area - decommissioning current provision where there is no provider for delivery in that way - To inform the shape and style of engagement with partners and communities - To develop and make recommendations based on the evidence	Task and Finish Group if members want to consider evidence and then discuss issues, options and recommendations before sharing them publicly Sub-committee if members want to have conversations in a meeting open to the public.

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Assessing potential impacts and preventing and managing the unforeseen consequences of changes to services	- To consider what impact assessments are carried out by the Council related to changes to services - To consider what best practice examples exist and whether there is learning from these - To identify specific issues related to assessment of impact and make recommendations based on the evidence.	Member working group to fact find and recommend whether the best approach is: 1. Report and presentation to the Scrutiny Committee 2. Consider in greater detail using a Task and Finish Group
Budget setting 2017/18 and onwards	- To have earlier involvement in budget setting to provide comment on proposals - To be able to complete specific pieces of work to identify alternatives to emerging plans (if they exist) - To provide a mechanism to engage with communities, partners and providers - To understand any possible risks and impacts on the budget proposals e.g. using one off money to balance the budget - Make evidence based recommendations and alternative proposals for future budget setting	Task and Finish Group reporting back into the PMSC on a quarterly basis
Adult Social Care – what are the pressures facing the services?	- To understand the identified causes of pressure on ASC - To take account of how forecasting demand for ASC is used in service planning - To learn about the services in place - To identify best practice from other places	This is already underway through a specific piece of work commissioned by and led by Directors. It would be appropriate for Scrutiny to receive the findings of the work and use this to inform future work on changes to services, joint working

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	across the Country • To make evidence based recommendations	with health, and specific services such as the Integrated Care Service (ICS).
Planning Performance	• To understand what the pressures have been on Development Management (Planning and Development Control) • To understand what actions have been taken to manage the pressures, and what the impact of those actions have been • To consider any unforeseen consequences of the action taken • To consider performance measures such as activity and speed of resolution, and feedback from customers of the service including comments, compliments and complaints • To make recommendations based on the evidence	Joint Task and Finish Group Performance Management Scrutiny Committee and Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee
IT – awaiting completion and publication of the IT Strategy	• To understand how the IT Strategy will support the Council to deliver services differently in the future	
The Council's Corporate Strategy/Plan 2016 on …	• To understand the direction set by new Corporate Strategy/ Plan • To understand the linkages between the core Corporate strategies and plans of the Council to set the direction for the coming years • To identify specific measures or information required by Scrutiny to understand whether the Strategy/Plan is being i. implemented	To consider the document in Committee and identify any specific areas to focus on in more detail and/or explore against the Financial Strategy.

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	and ii. having the expected impact • To identify any specific areas of focus for the Scrutiny Work Programme based on the direction set by the Corporate Strategy/Plan.	
Big Conversation Phase 1 – Final Report	• To understand the key messages within the Final Report • To contribute to the identification of appropriate approaches and role for Scrutiny to contribute to addressing specific points emerging the from first phase of the Big Conversation • To identify any measures or information that can be used to understand whether actions have been taken the impact they have had.	To consider the report in Committee and identify any specific areas to focus on in more detail through specific Scrutiny activity.