



Communities Overview
Committee

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Item

Communities Overview Committee draft Work Programme 2018 – 2019

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This paper presents a draft work programme for the Communities Overview Committee. It also includes strategic priorities for the committee, as identified during the development of the Overview and Scrutiny strategic work programme 2018 – 2019.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:

- note the identified strategic priorities
- agree the ongoing work programme and
- suggest other topics for the committee to consider.

3.0 Background

- 3.1 Each year, Shropshire Council's overview and scrutiny committees jointly review, co-ordinate and update their work programmes for the year ahead. This review allows overview and scrutiny to ensure that:
- its work programme takes into account Shropshire Council's strategic priorities; and
 - effective arrangements are in place to look at topics that are relevant to more than one committee.
- 3.2 Shropshire Council's strategic priorities are contained within its corporate plan. This plan, which lists the council's strategic priorities and medium-term objectives for the next two years in a strategic action plan, provides an ideal basis on which overview and scrutiny can plan the strategic elements of its work programme for the year ahead.

- 3.3 At a recent work programme planning session, overview and scrutiny committee members, portfolio holders, elected members and officers used the strategic action plan to identify a shortlist of strategic priorities for each committee to incorporate into their work programme for the year ahead. This work will provide each committee with a core strategic work programme, contributing to overview and scrutiny's scrutiny of the council's strategic priorities. Appendix 1 includes the strategic priorities identified for the Communities Overview Committee
- 3.4 A meeting of overview and scrutiny chairs and members of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee on 11 May 2018, after this report has been published, will confirm the core strategic work programme.
- 3.5 In addition, the committee has other topics, which are not necessarily strategic priorities, which it will wish to consider during the course of the year. Some of these topics have already been agreed by the committee. These are listed as the committee's agreed work programme in Appendix 2.
- 3.6 Members are therefore asked to:
- note the identified strategic priorities
 - agree the ongoing work programme and
 - suggest other topics for the committee to consider..

<p>Background Papers</p> <p>Shropshire Council Corporate Plan and Strategic Action Plan</p>
<p>Cabinet Member</p> <p>Communities</p> <p>Highways and Transport</p>
<p>Local Members</p> <p>All Members</p>
<p>Appendices</p> <p>Identified priorities from the Shropshire Council Corporate Plan Strategic Action Plan</p> <p>Proposed Communities Overview Committee Work Programme 2018</p>

Appendix 1

Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2018 to 2019

Identified priorities from the Shropshire Council Corporate Plan Strategic Action Plan

Possible Topic	Committees identifying this as a priority	Comments
Community Hubs	Performance Management	Opportunity to consider the development of plans for the creation of five Community Hubs.
	Communities	The Communities Overview Committee has agreed to set up a task and finish group to focus on community transport.
Housing development by the Council	Performance Management	Scrutinise progress with the development of housing that incorporates technology to enable people to remain in their own homes and live independently, and delivers housing appropriate to meet needs. The People Overview Committee has identified supported housing a priority for its work programme.
	Communities	
	People	
Transforming the Council – Digital Transformation and Workforce	Performance Management	Once new systems and operating structures are implemented there is the opportunity to track and scrutinise the delivery of programme benefits against the expected profile.
	Communities	
Opportunities for Looked After Children to achieve their potential	Communities	Scrutiny of the implementation of the Looked After Children Plan and the delivery of improved outcomes.

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Place Shaping – maintaining a clean and attractive environment	Communities Place	Considering the development of the new Local Transport Plan and how it relates to the delivery of the Council's priorities, improving air and water quality, and progress with waste management and recycling including the impact and benefits arising from the Energy Recovery Facility and other developments to help manage waste and reduce landfill.
Place Shaping – balancing housing and the economic growth.	Communities Place	Consider how housing development and economic growth activity are considered together and progress hand in hand, ensuring that the right homes are built in the right places for the workforce for current and future employers.

Appendix 2: Proposed Communities Overview Committee Work Programme 2018

Topic	Intended outcomes/ objectives	What information is required?	Who needs to be heard from?	Expected impact/ added value	Start date of the work
Findings of the Local Joint Committees task and finish group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To discuss the findings of the Local Joint Committees task and finish group. To agree a way forward for the committee's work. 	<p>Report from supporting officer</p> <p>Verbal update from group chair</p>	Community Enablement Team	To help ensure Shropshire Council has appropriate and meaningful local governance.	21 May 2018
Update on the Environment Maintenance Grant task and finish group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on the Environment Maintenance Grant, following the committee's task and finish group on the matter. 	Verbal update	Community Enablement Team	Contributing to cost-effective local environmental maintenance.	21 May 2018
Flood risk management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To understand the council's role in flood risk management. To understand the risks to transport and the economy resulting from flooding. To scrutinise the role of flood risk management in place shaping. 		Environmental Maintenance	Scrutiny of flood risk management to ensure effective arrangements.	16 July 2018
Community Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To create a task and finish group that considers options for the development of community transport in Shropshire. 		<p>Highways and Transport</p> <p>Local Community Transport Groups</p>		16 July 2018