



Committee and Date

Council

26 July 2018

**ANNUAL REPORT 2017-2018
COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW COMMITTEE**

1.0 Summary

1.1 The annual statement of the Communities Overview Committee provides a brief review of the committee's work during the previous year, as well as an overview of its work for the year ahead.

2.0 Communities Overview Committee

2.1 During 2017/2018 the Communities Overview Committee has looked at topics from across its remit. The following have been the main areas of focus:

- **Environmental Maintenance Grants Task and Finish Group**
In response to a need to save money, the group worked with officers to devise a new grant scheme that made savings and ensured better value for money. Cabinet agreed to all of the group's recommendations.
- **Consultation on the Fire and Rescue Service Governance**
The committee discussed proposals to grant the West Mercia police and crime commissioner authority over Shropshire Fire and Rescue Authority. It raised numerous concerns about the case for change, and wrote to the commissioner to reject the proposals.
- **Resilient Communities – Healthy Lives**
The committee heard from the NHS and Shropshire Council about how they were working together to provide people with community-based support to tackle long-term health conditions. The committee recognised the size and importance of this work, and resolved to look at it in more detail.
- **Community Transport**
As the result of a government consultation on community transport, the group agreed to set up a task and finish group to look at how the council can better support community transport.
- **Local Joint Committees Task and Finish Group**
The group has looked at the current arrangements for local joint committees. It has concluded that there are opportunities for the groups to evolve to have

a greater input to area planning and community enablement. It has agreed to carry out a new task and finish group to draw up proposals to recommend to Cabinet.

3.0 2018-2019 onwards

3.1 Significant topics emerging for the coming year include:

- Flood risk management
- Community transport
- Local committee arrangements
- Community hubs
- Social prescribing and community resilience
- Burial sites
- Emergency planning
- Community Safety Strategy

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

None

Human Rights Act Appraisal

The recommendations contained in this report are compatible with the provisions of the Human Rights act 1998

Environmental Appraisal

There are no environmental issues relating to this report.

Risk Management Appraisal

There are no risks associated with this report.

Community / Consultations Appraisal

Consultation is a component of Scrutiny work to collect information to support the development of conclusions and recommendations.

Cabinet Members

Cllr Joyce Barrow, Cllr Steve Davenport

Local Member/s - All

Appendices - None