



Place Overview Committee	<u>Item</u>
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Place Overview Committee Work Programme

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper presents the Place Overview Committee's proposed work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. The council's overview and scrutiny committees have based their programmes on topics from Shropshire Council's Strategic Action Plan. The committee also

- scrutinises thematic priorities
- responds to emerging issues and
- follows up on previous work.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Committee members to:

- agree the proposed committee work programme attached as **appendix 1**
- note the current task and finish groups attached as **appendix 2**
- suggest changes to the committee work programme and
- recommend other topics to consider.

3.0 Background

3.1 Overview and Scrutiny's committees base this work programme on topics from Shropshire Council's Strategic Action Plan. They also

- scrutinise thematic priorities
- respond to emerging issues
- follow up on previous work and
- carry out cross-committee work through task and finish groups.

3.2 A refreshed overview and scrutiny work programme for this committee is attached as **appendix 1**. A refreshed list of current task and finish groups is attached as **appendix 2**.

4.0 Next steps

- 4.1 Overview and scrutiny updates this report on an ongoing basis and presents it to each overview and scrutiny committee. This will allow members the opportunity to contribute to its development at each committee meeting.

List of background papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
None
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
All
Local Member
All
Appendices
Overview and scrutiny work programme
Overview and scrutiny task and finish groups

Appendix 1

Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2020 onwards

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Topic	Intended outcomes or objectives	What output is required?	Who needs to be heard from?	Expected impact or added value	Work date
Agriculture and rural roads	<ul style="list-style-type: none">To understand the issues facing agricultural users of rural roadsTo scrutinise how the council and partners can work together to make rural roads safer.	Overview report presentation	Director of Place NFU Police and Crime Commissioner	The impact of agricultural vehicles on rural roads is minimised. Farms and other agricultural businesses are able to use rural roads.	3 Sep 2020
Biodiversity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Understand the council's role in promoting biodiversity in Shropshire.Scrutinise work taking place and evaluate proposals for	overview report presentation	Biodiversity Officer	The council maximises its opportunities to increase biodiversity in Shropshire.	3 Sep 2020
Shrewsbury shopping centres	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Receive a verbal update on the development of the council-owned shopping centres in Shrewsbury	Verbal update	Director of Place	Shropshire Council makes good use of its investments.	5 Nov 2020

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North West Relief Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutinise ongoing development of the proposed relief road 	Overview report	Highways, Transport and Environment Commissioning Manager	Shropshire Council's full business case for the relief road is fit for purpose.	5 Nov 2020
Quarterly budget scrutiny	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Analyse the impact of budget changes to service delivery. • Scrutinise any proposals for reconfigured services. • Consider progress on meeting agreed budget savings. 	Overview report	Director of Place	Shropshire Council budgeting and spending reflects council priorities.	5 Nov 2020
Kier and WSP annual reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the annual reports of the council's two principal highways' contractors • Ensure that our contractors provide a high level of service and value for money. 	Annual reports	Director of Place		28 Jan 2021

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Highways performance monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the performance of Shropshire Highways. Further detail on quality control, as requested at the committee's meeting in February 2020. 	Overview report	Highways, Transport and Environment Commissioning Manager	Shropshire Highways' contracted work is completed to a high standard.	28 Jan 2021
Communicating highways works and repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how the council communicates disruptions to the highway. Make recommendations on future development of communications 	Overview report Presentation	Technology and Communications Manager	People in Shropshire receive timely and relevant information about disruptions to the highway.	28 Jan 2021
Local Housing Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise the creation of a local housing company in Shropshire 	Overview report Presentation	Director of Place	Shropshire's Housing Development Corporation builds homes that support the council's strategic objectives.	18 March 2021

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Local Transport Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider the development of the new Local Transport Plan and how it relates to the delivery of the council's priorities. 	overview report presentation	Head of Commissioning	<p>Contribute to development of Local Transport Plan.</p> <p>Provide assurance that the plan contributes to housing and economic growth plans.</p>	18 March 2021
Night-time economy and licensing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand the value of the night time economy in Shropshire Scrutinise policies pertaining to the night time economy 	Overview report Presentation	Director of Place	<p>Shropshire's towns have vibrant, well-supported night-time economies.</p> <p>Night-time economies contribute to the vibrancy of town centres.</p>	TBA

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Local Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the Local Plan seeking to respond to the Climate Change emergency • Comment on the draft plan before its presentation to Council. 	Overview report	Head of Place		TBA

Appendix 2

Current and proposed task and finish groups

Title	Objectives	Reporting to
Financial Strategy and Innovation and Income Generation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand the process and activity stages for developing the Financial Strategy and how these translate into the Council's annual budgets • To consider and scrutinise the proposals and emerging plans for the whole Financial Strategy and 2019/20 budget, including how they align to the four pillars. This will be through their development and their implementation, in particular for innovation and raising income. • To consider the alignment of the Financial Strategy and the new Corporate Plan being developed autumn 2018. • To consider the recommendations and areas for action identified in the Corporate Peer Challenge report relating to the Financial Strategy, and how they are being addressed. • To consider the direct and indirect impacts, including risks, of 2019/20 Budget proposals on current services and customers. • To complete specific pieces of work to identify and work up alternatives to emerging plans, including the feasibility of any alternative proposals • Make evidence based recommendations in relation to plans and approaches for innovation and income generation, and alternative proposals for future budget setting. 	Performance Management Scrutiny Committee

Title	Objectives	Reporting to
Road casualty reduction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand the nature of road traffic collisions in Shropshire. • Understand feelings of road safety, and the effect of feeling unsafe when travelling. • Understand the factors that contribute to safer travel • Scrutinise how Shropshire Council and its partners work together to make travel safer. • Explore how Shropshire Council responds to new models of Government transport funding. 	Place Overview Committee
Community Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand how community transport operates in Shropshire, and the demand for community transport services. • Identify how the community transport groups, the council, and other partners can work together to provide community transport to people in Shropshire who do not have access to public or private transport. 	Communities Overview Committee
Brexit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the information brought together to develop a view for Shropshire of the possible implications of Brexit for the Shropshire economy and the achievement of the Economic Growth Strategy. • To identify, with the relevant officers, the key evidence and related requirements of what Shropshire would require from a future UK funding approach. • To make evidence based recommendations to Cabinet. 	Performance Management Scrutiny Committee

Title	Objectives	Reporting to
Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To understand how Shropshire Council currently uses Section 106, CIL and NHB and the impact that this has had • To understand how Section 106, CIL and NHB could be used in Shropshire to enable or encourage projects or initiatives for economic growth and prosperity • To learn from other places how they have used Section 106, CIL and NHB to enable or encourage projects or initiatives for economic growth and prosperity • To make evidence based recommendations on how Section 106, CIL and NHB could be used in Shropshire to enable or encourage projects or initiatives for economic growth and prosperity 	Performance Management Scrutiny
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To review Shropshire Council's existing work to reduce its CO2e output. • To scrutinise existing council policy and practice and recommend policy changes that would support further carbon reduction. • To identify and evaluate opportunities to reduce spending and generate income by adopting low-carbon technology and practices. 	Place Overview Committee
Dog fouling and dangerous dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To scrutinise how the local authority tackles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ dog fouling ○ dog attacks ○ stray dogs • licenced dog breeding 	Performance Management Scrutiny Committee