

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2018 – 2019

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper presents Overview and Scrutiny's proposed work programme for the year ahead. The committees have based their programmes on topics from Shropshire Council's Strategic Action Plan. Committees will also

- scrutinise thematic priorities
- respond to emerging issues and
- follow up on previous work.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 Committee members to:

- confirm the proposed work programme attached as **appendices 1 and 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
- carry out cross-committee work through task and finish groups.

3.2 The current work programme is attached as **appendix 1**.

3.3 The overview and scrutiny committees have made several recent changes to their work programmes:

- The Health and Social Care Scrutiny Committee has agreed to carry out a task and finish group review of transfers of care from the NHS to Shropshire Council.

- The Communities Overview Committee has agreed to delay its area committee task and finish group until the outcome of several key council decisions is known.
- The People Overview Committee has agreed to look at drug and alcohol support services for young people.
- The Place Overview Committee will be carrying out an annual review of highways winter service planning.

3.4 To carry out cross-committee work, or look at topics in more depth, overview and scrutiny committees set up task and finish groups. These groups consist of members drawn from overview and scrutiny committees, which meet outside of the usual scheduled committee meetings. These groups then report their findings and recommendations to overview and scrutiny committees for approval. The current list of ongoing task and finish group meetings is included in this report 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.

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