



<u>Committee</u>	<u>Item</u>
Communities Overview Committee	
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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper presents the Communities Overview Committee's proposed work programme for the year ahead. The committee has based its programme on topics from Shropshire Council's Strategic Action Plan. During the course of its work programme, the committee 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 committee work programme attached as **appendix 1**.
- suggest changes to the committee work programme and
- recommend other topics to consider

3.0 Background

3.1 The Communities Overview Committee bases its work programme on topics from Shropshire Council's Strategic Action Plan. It also

- scrutinises thematic priorities
- responds to emerging issues
- follows up on previous work
- carries out cross-committee work through task and finish groups.

3.2 On 4 September 2019, elected members met to discuss the council's corporate plan, and identify themes from the plan for each committee to scrutinise. In doing

this, overview and scrutiny ensures that the basis of its work aligns with council objectives. The groups identified a number of themes for each committee, which were then shaped by the scrutiny chairs and leaders of political groups into a set of work priorities for each committee.

- 3.2 At this meeting, participants also noted the high number of task and finish groups currently underway, and suggested that committees, where possible, bring the work of task and finish groups back into the committee's programme of work. Accordingly, a proposed task and finish group to look at how Shropshire Council works with town and parish councils in Shropshire, has been reincorporated into the draft work programme.
- 3.3 A refreshed overview and scrutiny work programme for this committee is attached as **appendix 1**.
- 3.4 A list of ongoing 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