



<u>Committee</u>	<u>Item</u>
Communities Overview Committee	
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## **Place Overview Committee Work Programme 2019 – 2020**

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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 A refreshed overview and scrutiny work programme for this committee is attached as **appendix 1**. A list of all 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.

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

**Appendix 1**  
**Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2019 to 2020**

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<b>Topic</b>	<b>Intended outcomes or objectives</b>	<b>What output is required?</b>	<b>Who needs to be heard from?</b>	<b>Expected impact or added value</b>	<b>Work date</b>
Third sector support for vulnerable adults	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To understand how the local authority works with the third sector to support vulnerable adults</li> <li>To make recommendations to improve the effectiveness of the support that we provide.</li> </ul>	Committee overview report	Director of Adult social care	Shropshire Council makes effective use of its funding of third-sector agencies who support vulnerable adults	24 Feb 2020
Working with Shropshire communities (2)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify where Shropshire Council reaches into households e.g. Council Tax emails or paper bills, and what opportunities exist to share messages or signpost to messages</li> <li>To seek feedback from communities, Voluntary Community and Social Enterprises and Town and Parish Councils on their views of effective engagement that reaches all areas of communities</li> </ul>	Committee overview report	Director of Place	Shropshire Council engages effectively with town and parish councils.	24 Feb 2020

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Homepoint	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Understand how Homepoint meets the needs of people in Shropshire seeking housing</li> <li>Explore how Homepoint could meet the needs of young adults seeking housing.</li> </ul>	overview report presentation	Director, Adult Services	Homepoint provides an effective service in providing housing for those in greatest need.	16 Mar 2020
Working with Shropshire communities (3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To research and evaluate different models of engaging communities</li> <li>To learn from other similar councils and from neighbouring councils in Wales about their approaches to engaging communities and their learning</li> </ul>	overview report presentation	Director of Place	Shropshire Council engages effectively with town and parish councils.	16 Mar 2020
Rural Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To scrutinise Shropshire Council's draft rural strategy</li> </ul>	overview report presentation	Director of Place	Shropshire Council provides effective services to rural communities.	16 Mar 2020
Public transport funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To receive an update on funding for public transport</li> </ul>	overview report presentation	Director of Place	Shropshire Council supports a well-integrated public transport network	16 Mar 2020

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Working with Shropshire communities (4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>To identify a preferred model for Shropshire Council</li> <li>To recommend a framework for engaging communities based on evidence of what works and is best for Shropshire.</li> </ul>	Committee overview report	Director of Place	Shropshire Council engages effectively with town and parish councils.	April 2020 (additional Meeting)
Local representation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li></li> </ul>				June 2020

## 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"><li>• To understand the process and activity stages for developing the Financial Strategy 2018/19 to 2022/23 and how these translate into the Council's annual budgets</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• To consider the alignment of the Financial Strategy and the new Corporate Plan being developed autumn 2018.</li><li>• 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.</li><li>• To consider the direct and indirect impacts, including risks, of 2019/20 Budget proposals on current services and customers.</li><li>• To complete specific pieces of work to identify and work up alternatives to emerging plans, including the feasibility of any alternative proposals</li><li>• Make evidence based recommendations in relation to plans and approaches for innovation and income generation, and alternative proposals for future budget setting.</li></ul>	Performance Management Scrutiny Committee
Road casualty reduction		

Title	Objectives	Reporting to
Community Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand how community transport operates in Shropshire, and the demand for community transport services.</li> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>	Communities Overview Committee
Engaging Diverse Communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review and propose the scope of Place Plans including their geography and subject areas</li> <li>• To propose options to ensure Place Plans are developed from the bottom-up</li> <li>• To understand how rural enterprise features in our procurement / commissioning processes.</li> <li>• To proposed opportunities to engage with Strategic Levels within the Council and partners in Place Planning</li> <li>• To engage with Town and Parish Councils on options to reset their relationship with Shropshire Council</li> <li>• To identify appropriate and effective mechanisms to communicate with and engage with diverse communities that can be used to inform co-design and collaboration on a range of matters</li> <li>• Make evidence based recommendations</li> </ul>	Communities Overview Committee

Title	Objectives	Reporting to
Brexit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> <li>• To identify, with the relevant officers, the key evidence and related requirements of what Shropshire would require from a future UK funding approach.</li> <li>• To make evidence based recommendations to Cabinet.</li> </ul>	Performance Management Scrutiny Committee
Section 106 and Community Infrastructure Levy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To understand how Shropshire Council currently uses Section 106, CIL and NHB and the impact that this has had</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	Performance Management Scrutiny
Climate Change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To review Shropshire Council's existing work to reduce its CO<sup>2</sup>e output.</li> <li>• To scrutinise existing council policy and practice and recommend policy changes that would support further carbon reduction.</li> <li>• To identify and evaluate opportunities to reduce spending and generate income by adopting low-carbon technology and practices.</li> </ul>	Place Overview Committee



Title	Objectives	Reporting to
Dog fouling and dangerous dogs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To scrutinise how the local authority tackles               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ dog fouling</li> <li>○ dog attacks</li> <li>○ stray dogs</li> </ul> </li> <li>• licenced dog breeding</li> </ul>	Performance Management Scrutiny Committee
Signs, banners and street furniture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand existing policies, charges and administrative arrangements</li> <li>• Scrutinise existing policy and suggest draft policy.</li> <li>• Identify opportunities to set and administer policy and licencing arrangements with town and parish councils.</li> <li>• Look at how other local authorities set and administer policy, to identify potential ways to improve arrangements in Shropshire.</li> </ul>	Place Overview Committee