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Communities Overview Committee Work Programme 2020-2021

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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 issues arising 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:

- agree 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 issues arising 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.

3.3 At a meeting of the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee, the committee requested that the Communities Overview Committee scrutinised the council's climate change draft action plan and quantified carbon budget in the Autumn of this year. As the committee's work programme already looks full in

2020, this item has been added to the agenda of the committee's meeting in January, subject to committee approval.

- 3.4 A refreshed overview and scrutiny work programme for this committee is attached as **appendix 1**.

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 to 2021

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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
climate change draft action plan and quantified carbon budget	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To scrutinise the draft action plan and budget, as requested by the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee. 	Plan and budget	Service Manager for Climate Change	The draft action plan meets the objectives of the council's climate change strategy.	25 Jan 2021
Public transport funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on funding for public transport 	overview report	Director of Place	Shropshire Council supports a well-integrated public transport network	15 March 2021
Libraries strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise Shropshire Council's draft strategy for the development of libraries and community services. 	Overview report	Assistant Director - Homes and Communities	Libraries and communities provide a valuable resource for Shropshire communities.	15 March 2021
Rural Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To scrutinise Shropshire Council's draft rural strategy To recommend a framework for engaging communities based on evidence of what works and is best for Shropshire. 	overview report presentation	Director of Place	Shropshire Council provides effective services to rural communities.	15 March 2021

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Local Housing Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise the creation of a local housing company in Shropshire 	<p>Overview report</p> <p>Presentation</p>	Director of Place	Shropshire's Housing Development Corporation builds homes that support the council's strategic objectives.	June 2021

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 2020/2021 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 Corporate Plan. • 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 2020/2021 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