



Communities Overview Committee	<u>Item</u>
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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 remainder of the 2020-2021 municipal year. 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.

3.2 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 quantified carbon budget, as requested by the Performance Management Scrutiny Committee. 	Plan and budget	Service Manager for Climate Change Portfolio Holder	The draft action plan meets the objectives of the council's climate change strategy.	25 Jan 2021
Public rights of way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide an update on work to maximise access to public rights of way, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital works Accessibility of the public rights of way network Links to open space 	Overview report	Culture, Leisure and Tourism Manager	Shropshire Council ensures that a high percentage of its network of public rights of way remains accessible.	25 Jan 2021
Burial capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update on building burial capacity in Shropshire 	Overview report	Bereavement Services Manager	Shropshire has adequate burial capacity, and is planning for future need.	25 Jan 2021

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Housing Allocations policy- report of the working group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To receive an update from the committee's recent working group review of Shropshire Council's housing allocations policy 	Committee report	Overview and scrutiny officer	Communities Overview Committee contributes to development of a revised housing allocations policy	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
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

Title	Objectives	Reporting to
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
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