

Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 3rd July, 2018

Report of the Lead for Law and Governance

Annual Scrutiny Programme 2018/19

Purpose

1. To confirm the items included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2018/19.

Recommendations

2. That the items to be scrutinised by this Committee, as contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2018/19, be noted.
3. That the Committee confirm the programme of business as outlined in paragraph 4 of this report, subject to the need for flexibility to reflect any changes that might arise during the municipal year.
4. That the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair and the Democratic Services Officer, be authorised to make all the necessary arrangements to enable this Committee to undertake its programme of scrutiny work during the 2018/19 municipal year.
5. That the Committee consider the establishment of a Scrutiny Development Working Group to provide for the informal consideration and formulation of recommendations concerning any future policy development or budget issues that are referred to it, and which are relevant to the terms of reference of this Scrutiny Committee, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member(s) as appropriate, to comprise all Members of the Scrutiny Committee.

Background

6. Meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled during 2018/19 to carry out scrutiny reviews and consider any other items of business during the municipal year. All Scrutiny Committees will also undertake detailed scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals in November.
7. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board met on 13th June, 2017 to give consideration to items for inclusion in the Annual Scrutiny Plan.
8. Following consultation, the items listed below are proposed for consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2018/19, at the programmed meetings:

- Tuesday 3rd July, 2018
West Midlands Combined Authority – The Second Devolution Deal and Action Plan
Council and Corporate Consultation
Corporate Quarterly Performance Report
- Tuesday 25th September, 2018
Digital Transformation
Dudley Council Plus and Customer Services
Corporate Quarterly Performance Report
- Thursday 15th November, 2018
Medium Term Financial Strategy
Annual Review of the Constitution
Council and Corporate Consultation
- Thursday 31st January, 2019
Customer Feedback and Corporate Complaints
West Midlands Combined Authority
Corporate Quarterly Performance Report
- Thursday 7th March, 2019
Digital Transformation
Corporate Quarterly Performance Report

9. The Committee is requested to consider the proposed programme of business as outlined above taking account of the need for some flexibility due to changing circumstances and any issues that might arise during the municipal year.
10. Subject to the views of the Committee at this meeting, the Lead Officer, in consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair and the Democratic Services Officer, will make the necessary practical arrangements for the Committee to conduct its agreed programme of work during 2018/19.

Scrutiny Development Working Group

11. As in the previous Municipal Year, the Committee is asked to consider establishing a Scrutiny Development Working Group. This helps provide for the informal consideration and formulation of recommendations concerning any future policy development or budget issues which are relevant to the terms of reference of this Committee.

Finance

12. The costs of operating the scrutiny arrangements will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

Law

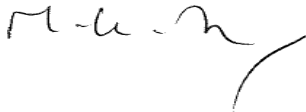
13. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

Equality Impact

- 14. Provision exists within the Council’s scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council’s policies on equality and diversity.

Human Resources/Transformation

- 15. There are no direct human resource implications arising from the contents of this report.



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List of Background Papers

The Council’s Constitution
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Reports and Minutes