

Place Scrutiny Committee – 6th July, 2016

Report of the Lead for Law and Governance

Annual Scrutiny Programme 2016/17

Purpose of Report

1. To confirm the items included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2016/17.

Background

2. Meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled, on the dates below, 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.
 - Thursday 22nd September, 2016
 - Tuesday 15th November, 2016
 - Monday 30th January, 2017
 - Thursday 9th March, 2017
3. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board met on 8th June, 2016 to give consideration to draft items for inclusion in the Annual Scrutiny Plan. The report to that meeting is available on the [Council's website](#)
4. Following consultation with the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of Scrutiny Committees, the following items are proposed for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2016/17:

Regeneration and Tourism

The main elements of the regeneration agenda which has previously been explored by the Place Scrutiny Committee and the former DUE Scrutiny Committee have revolved around Dudley Business First in relation to business support and inward investment activities and (last year) business friendly planning in terms of the interface between the planning system and the business community. Should members choose, the key area with potential here would probably be around recent town centre regeneration projects. However, members may prefer to look at the developing area of Dudley's visitor economy which would link to key recent regeneration projects such as Castle Hill, town centre public realm improvements and the new glass museum at Wordsley, but would also provide the committee with the opportunity to call witnesses from the wider visitor economy sector across the borough to explore the effectiveness of how the council and partners currently work together and to look at potential

improvements as we develop this work area in the next 12 months.

5. A brief summary of the following topics will also be provided by the relevant Chief Officer at the meeting:
 - Housing
 - Recycling and Waste Collection
 - School crossing patrols
6. During this cycle of meetings, each Scrutiny Committee is being requested:
 - To consider the urgency/priority order in which the above items should be scrutinised during the year (taking account of the need for some flexibility).
 - To define the scope and methodology for each scrutiny review along with the timescales for submitting reports/recommendations to the Cabinet and/or Council.
7. 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 2016/17.

Finance

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

Law

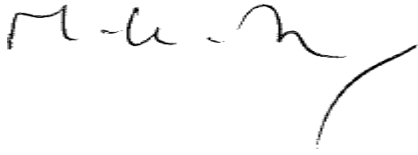
9. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.

Equality Impact

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

Recommendations

11. That the items to be scrutinised by this Committee, as contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2016/17, be confirmed.
12. That the Committee give initial consideration to the proposed issues referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of this report.
13. 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 2016/17 municipal year.



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List of Background Papers

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 8th June, 2016 – Annual
Scrutiny Programme 2016/17