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**Meeting of the Future Council Scrutiny Committee – 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

**Report of the Lead for Law and Governance**

**Annual Scrutiny Programme 2022/23**

**Purpose**

1. To consider items to be included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2022/23.

**Recommendations**

2. It is recommended:-
  - that the items to be scrutinised by this Committee, as contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2022/23, be noted.
  - that the Committee confirm the programme of business as outlined in paragraph 6 of this report, subject to the need for flexibility to reflect any changes that might arise during the municipal year.
  - that the Lead for Law and Governance, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, be authorised to make all the necessary arrangements to enable this Committee to undertake its programme of scrutiny work during the 2022/23 municipal year.
  - That the terms of reference for the Future Council Scrutiny Committee, as set out in the Appendix to the report submitted, be noted.

**Background**

3. Meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled during 2022/23 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.
4. At the Annual Council meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> May, 2022, Working Groups was established for each of the four Scrutiny Committees comprising all Members of the relevant Scrutiny

Committee and be chaired by the relevant Scrutiny Committee Chair. The Working Groups would consider any business that is allocated to them during the year within the remit of the Scrutiny Committee.

5. The Future Council Scrutiny Committee Working Group met on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May, 2022 to give consideration to items for inclusion in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2022/23.

6. Following consultation, the items listed below are recommended for consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2022/23, at the programmed meetings:

- **Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

Annual Scrutiny Programme 2022/23

Equality and Diversity

Quarterly Performance Report (Quarter 4)

- **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July, 2022 (Working Group)**

Review of Consultation Processes

- **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022**

Quarterly Performance Report (Quarter 1)

Black Country Plan

Review of Vacant Land in Dudley Borough

- **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2022**

Medium Term Financial Strategy

Major Regeneration Projects (including Funding Arrangements, Future Projects and Borough Wide Vision)

Improvement to the Council House Campus in Dudley

- **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

Quarterly Performance Report (Quarter 2)

Digital and IT Transformation

- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 2023**

Quarterly Performance Report (Quarter 3)

Town Developments

Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension

**Briefing Notes to be received by the Scrutiny Committee**

Benefit Services Annual Report

Local Government Association Peer Review

Annual Report and Draft Scrutiny Programme 2022/23

7. The Committee is requested to consider the proposed programme of business as outlined above taking account of the need for flexibility due to changing circumstances and any issues that might arise during the municipal year.
8. Subject to the views of the Committee at this meeting, the Lead for Law and Governance, following consultation with the Chair and Vice-Chair, will make the necessary practical arrangements for the Committee to conduct its agreed programme of work during 2022/23.
9. The Council's scrutiny arrangements are set out in Part 2, Article 6 of the Constitution (Overview and Scrutiny). The associated Scrutiny Procedure Rules are contained within Part 4 of the Constitution which also contains the terms of reference for the Future Council Scrutiny Committee. These terms of reference are attached as an Appendix to this report.

### **Finance**

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

### **Law**

11. 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.

### **Risk Management**

12. There are no risks identified arising from this report. The Council is committed to adopting best practice in its management of risk. It aims to ensure risk is maintained at an acceptable level in order to maximise opportunities and demonstrate that it has given full consideration of the implications of risk to the delivery and achievement of its outcomes, strategic aims and priorities.

### **Equality Impact**

13. 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/Organisational Development**

14. The issues referred to in this report are administered within the resources available to the Democratic Services Team with support from Directorates and other Officers as required.

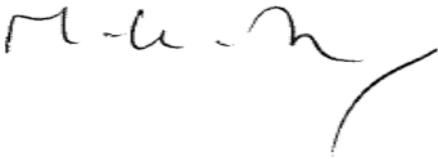


## **Commercial/Procurement**

15. This report has no impact on the Council's potential to commercially trade. Individual items included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme may have commercial implications, which will be reported at the relevant Committee meeting.

## **Council Priorities and Projects**

16. Dudley operates a One Council ethos to build an effective and dynamic organisation aligned to its three core priorities to grow the economy and create jobs; create a cleaner and greener place and support stronger and safer communities.
17. Items within the Annual Scrutiny Programme and the work undertaken by the Scrutiny Committee would contribute to the delivery of key Council priorities including the Borough Vision, Council Plan and Future Council Programme.



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## **Appendix**

Appendix 1 – Terms of reference

## **List of Background Documents**

The Council's Constitution

Meeting of the Future Council Scrutiny Committee Working Group Report and Presentation