

Health and Adult Social Care and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting: 11 April 2019

Report Title: Work Programme

Portfolio Holder: Councillor J Clowes – Portfolio Holder for Adult Social Care and Integration

Councillor L Wardlaw – Portfolio Holder for Health

Senior Officer: Interim Director of Governance and Compliance Services

1. Report Summary

- 1.1. To review items in the work programme listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by committee members.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the work programme be approved, subject to committee agreement to add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity..

3. Reason for Recommendation

- 3.1. It is good practice to regularly review the work programme and update as required.

4. Other Options Considered

- 4.1. N/A.

5. Background

- 5.1. The schedule attached has been updated following the last meeting of the committee on 7 March 2019, and a more recent liaison meeting – between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, portfolio holders and key senior officers – on 28 March 2019.
- 5.2. Members are asked to review the schedule attached to this report, and if appropriate, add new items or delete items that no longer require any scrutiny activity.

- 5.3. When selecting potential topics, members should have regard to the Council's three year plan and to the criteria listed below, which should be considered to determine whether scrutiny activity is appropriate.
- 5.4. The following questions should be asked in respect of each potential work programme item:
- Does the issue fall within a corporate priority;
 - Is the issue of key interest to the public;
 - Does the matter relate to a poor or declining performing service for which there is no obvious explanation;
 - Is there a pattern of budgetary overspends;
 - Is it a matter raised by external audit management letters and or audit reports?
 - Is there a high level of dissatisfaction with the service;
- 5.5. If during the assessment process any of the following emerge, then the topic should be rejected:
- The topic is already being addressed elsewhere
 - The matter is subjudice
 - Scrutiny cannot add value or is unlikely to be able to conclude an investigation within a specified or required timescale

6. Medium Term Financial Strategy

- 6.1. At the suggestion of CLT, the council's Medium Term Financial Strategy 2019-22 will be used as an additional tool to support the forward planning and work programming of matters by the four overview and scrutiny committees.
- 6.2. Published alongside this covering report and the work programme itself are the areas of planned work within the corporate priorities related to this committee's remit.

7. Implications

- 7.1. There are no implications to legal or financial matters, equality, human resources, risk management, or for rural communities, children and young people or public health.

8. Ward Members Affected

8.1. All.

9. Access to Information

9.1. The background papers can be inspected by contacting the report author.

10. Contact Information

10.1. Any questions relating to this report should be directed to the following officer:

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