CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

REPORT TO: Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of Meeting:

18 January 2018

Report of: Subject/Title: Director of Legal Services Work Programme update

1.0 Report Summary

1.1 To review items in the 2017/18 Work Programme, to consider the efficacy of existing items listed in the schedule attached, together with any other items suggested by Committee Members.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 That the work programme be reviewed and updated following actions from the meeting and other amendments.

3.0 Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 It is good practice to agree and review the Work Programme to enable effective management of the Committee's business.

4.0 Wards Affected

4.1 All

5.0 Local Ward Members

5.1 Not applicable.

6.0 Background and Options

- 6.1 In reviewing the work programme, Members must pay close attention to the Corporate Priorities and Forward Plan.
- 6.2 Following this meeting the document will be updated so that all the appropriate targets will be included within the schedule.
- 6.3 In reviewing the work programme, Members must have regard to the general criteria which should be applied to all potential items, including Task and Finish reviews, when considering whether any Scrutiny activity is appropriate. Matters should be assessed against the following criteria:
 - 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
- 6.4 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 the specified timescale

7.0 Access to Information

The background papers relating to this report can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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