

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD – 12 MARCH 2019

2018/19 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME – END OF YEAR REPORT

REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR: GOVERNANCE, PROCUREMENT & COMMISSIONING

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the delivery of the 2018/19 Scrutiny Work Programme to enable the Board to monitor performance and agree any actions arising from the report.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 To note the delivery of the work programmes of each Scrutiny Committee.

3. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to specific Priority Plan objective(s)?	
	No	
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	No	Borough Wide
DELIVERY DATE	The 2018/19 work programme was planned to be delivered in-year with no roll over of topics/issues when scrutiny of that topic/issue has not commenced.	
FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	Scrutiny has a role in ensuring that local government is effective and accountable. This includes undertaking reviews and challenging and monitoring performance. There is provision for the cost of supporting the Scrutiny function in the base budget and any variance that arises will be reported, as appropriate, as part of financial monitoring. The financial implications of any recommendations made by Scrutiny should be considered as part of reports as relevant. Therefore, there are no financial implications of accepting the recommendation of this report. RP-14.2.19
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	The Council is under a legal requirement to operate an Overview and Scrutiny function when it has executive arrangements in place. This was introduced by Part 1A of the Local Government Act 2000, as amended from time to time, and as read

		<p>with associated regulations and statutory guidance. Sections 9F to 9FI of the 2000 Act set out Overview and Scrutiny Committee functions to review / scrutinise /make reports upon or recommendations about the discharge of any functions, whether they are the responsibility of the executive or not.</p> <p>Current Government guidance states that Overview and Scrutiny Committees should have flexibility to determine most of their work plan and that the Council adopts mechanisms for coordinating that work.</p> <p>Updated Government Scrutiny guidance was due to have been published by the end of December 2018 and is still awaited.</p> <p>KF 19.02.2018</p>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	Borough-wide impact.

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

1. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Work Programme is reviewed annually by the Scrutiny Management Board. The Board is responsible for determining the strategic priorities for scrutiny, allocating scrutiny resources and monitoring delivery of the work programme. The Scrutiny Committees agree their own work programmes having regard to the views and wishes of the Board and report progress back to the Board.
- 1.2 The Scrutiny Management Board met on 5 June 2018 to consider the priorities for 2018/19 and agreed the following
- All the suggestions for the work programme were referred to the relevant Scrutiny Committees to prioritise two or three items in their own work programmes
 - Each Scrutiny Committee would receive an initial allocation of four formal meetings per year, of which at least three would be held before Christmas 2018.
- 1.3 The Board monitored delivery of the work programme through a mid-year report, presented on 24 January 2019.

2. DELIVERY OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

The table below shows the items selected for the 2018/19 work programme and progress against each topic.

Topic	Method	Status/Progress
Children & Young People		
Young Carers Service	In Depth Review	Completed
Local Children's Safeguarding Board Annual Report	Agenda Item (exercise of statutory responsibilities)	To be considered 11/3/19
Education Attainment	Agenda Item (exercise of statutory responsibilities)	To be considered 11/3/19
Customer, Community & Partnership		
Community Safety Partnership	Agenda Item (exercise of statutory responsibilities)	Report welcomed; no recommendations made
Tackling Vehicle Damage	Agenda Item (exercise of statutory responsibilities following suggestion from member of the public)	Satisfied with response. No further scrutiny required.
Third Party Engagement	Agenda Item	Satisfied with response; update provided after four months on new projects and budget consultation.
Grounds & Cleansing Contract Procurement	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received.
Highways Contract Procurement	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received.
Anti Social Behaviour	Informal evidence gathering / scoping	Consideration of evidence/data. No further scrutiny required at this time.
Finance & Enterprise		
Civil Parking Enforcement	In-depth Review	Completed (Recommended Scrutiny monitor two years post implementation)
Budget Scrutiny	In-depth Review	Completed and reported to Cabinet.
Health & Adult Care		
Commissioning Report: Adults with Learning Disabilities	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received
Unmet Needs Report	In-depth Review	Ongoing with final report due by the end of the Municipal Year.
Neighbourhood Working	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received
Commissioning Report: Older People	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received

Topic	Method	Status/Progress
My Choice Service Report	Agenda Item	Satisfied with response. No further scrutiny required.
Commissioning Report: Procurement	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	
Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny		
Future Fit	In-depth Review	Ongoing
Legacy Review of Maternity Services	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received
CQC Enforcement Notice	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received
Winter Planning	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Update received
Midwife Led Service – New Service Model	Agenda Item	Update to be provided at pre-consultation stage
Community Learning Disability Service	Agenda Item	Satisfied with response. Further updates to be provided every 1 or 2 months.
Reconfiguration of Ophthalmology Services	Agenda Item	Update to be provided following engagement period. Further information requested.
Urgent Treatment Centres	Agenda Item	Further information requested
Maternity Learning	Monitoring (Agenda Item)	Satisfied with response. No further scrutiny required.

3. ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES

3.1 Meetings

The table below summarises work to date expressed as the number of scrutiny meetings held compared to the allocated resource (as at 4 March 2019).

Committee	Formal committee meetings	Working group/other officer supported meetings	Total meetings to date	Further planned formal meetings to end of municipal year	Total	Allocated resource
Scrutiny Management Board	2	0	2	1	3	4
Children & Young People	2	0	2	1	3	4

Customer, Community & Partnership	3	1	4	0	4	4
Finance & Enterprise*	3	0	3	0	3	4
Health & Adult Care	4	0	4	0	4	4
Joint HOOSC**	7	0	7	1	8	N/A
Total	21	1	22	3	25	20+

* Finance and Enterprise Scrutiny Committee invited Customer Community & Partnership Committee to engage with the review of Civil Parking Enforcement but for the purposes of avoiding double counting, these meetings have been allocated to Finance & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee only.

** Due to the importance of the Future Fit programme and the specific resource provided for this work within the Governance & Legal Services structure, this Committee was not allocated a specific resource limit. Administration for the meetings is rotated with counterparts at Shropshire Council.

4.0 NEW SUGGESTION FOR THE 2018/19 WORK PROGRAMME

4.1 One new suggestion has been received from a member of the public:

Suggestion	Issue Raised	Comments Received from Officers
Parking Provision in Stirchley	<p>The resident states that there is presently work being carried out to fill in the underpass from Catherton etc. They understand the area will be made good with grass etc to fill in with the surrounding area. Instead of grassing the area, she suggests that it could be made into badly needed additional Car Parking spaces.</p> <p>The resident refers to parking issues in close proximity, exacerbated by narrow roads in Catherton and notes that any additional parking would raise spirits and enhance the community.</p>	<p>Catherton was on the recent list for consideration of additional parking spaces. As with many new town estates the available land is restricted and those that are available often have utility services in them that can then increase the cost of implementing new parking considerably. The underpass will be filled in with foam concrete and then surrounded by structural fill and topsoil. It will be designed to accommodate footways and pedestrian traffic but would not be designed to accommodate the weight of a small car park. To do this would require more ground work to be undertaken and then the</p>

		cost of implementing the parking spaces plus any drainage impacts. As such the cost of doing this would be quite high.
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4.2 The Board should decide whether or not to recommend that the item be added to the work programme of the relevant Scrutiny Committee, taking account of the criteria for scrutiny:-

- How far scrutiny can realistically change or influence things
- The extent to which residents or businesses are affected by the issue
- How well the Council and Partners are performing in the area
- What else is happening to avoid duplication or wasted effort

4.3 The Board may consider that the suggestion fits within the scope of the existing work programme. In order to accommodate new items in the work programme, existing items may need to be removed to create the capacity to undertake any new work.

5. **WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20**

5.1 On 24 January 2019, the Board agreed the timetable for work programming for 2019/20. Suggestions for the work programme will be presented to the Board in accordance with the timetable on 16 July 2019.

6. **NEW OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY GUIDANCE**

6.1 At the time of writing this report, publication of the Government's response to the Commons Select Committee Inquiry on the Effectiveness of Local Authority Overview and Scrutiny Committees is still awaited.

7. **CO-OPTEEs**

7.1 The terms of office for all current non-statutory co-optees will expire on 2 May 2019.

8. **PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Scrutiny Management Board – 5 June 2018 and 24 January 2019

9. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Scrutiny Handbook –

http://www.telford.gov.uk/info/20237/scrutiny/3357/scrutiny_handbook

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