

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 5TH AUGUST 2019

Report of the Head of Strategic Support

ITEM SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND UPDATES FROM
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE'S

Purpose of the Report

To enable the Commission to review and agree the Scrutiny Work Programme. This includes reviewing the changes made by the other three Scrutiny Committee's and adding items to their individual work programmes.

Action Requested

- 1.To review the Scrutiny Committees Work Programme and make any amendments the Commission feel necessary.
- 2.To agree that the Scrutiny Work Programme be updated in accordance with the decisions taken during consideration of this item and any further decisions taken during the course of this meeting (see Appendix 1).

Reasons

- 1.To ensure timely and effective scrutiny of the matter/subject.
- 2.To ensure that the information contained within the Work Programme is up to date.

Policy Context

The Corporate Plan commits the Council to review and improve its approach to the delivery of services to ensure it is constantly working to achieve a better service providing better value for money and enhancing the performance and commitment to service delivery.

Updates on the individual Scrutiny Committee work programmes

Corporate Services Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 25th June the Committee considered the proposed Scrutiny Work Programme. The following minute extract from the minutes of the meeting refers to their comments and resolution:

“10. WORK PROGRAMME

The Chair referred to the current programme having been carried over from the previous scrutiny structure. He hoped that the Committee would take a new, more efficient, effective and prioritised approach to its scrutiny work, including the involvement of the public at a future stage. To that end, he suggested that he and the Vice-chair review the work programme following this meeting and with input from all members of the Committee, with a view to a revised work programme being submitted to the next meeting for consideration. That revised work programme would include amendment to take account of the Committee’s earlier decision to transfer budget scrutiny to a scrutiny panel. The Committee supported the suggestion. Reference was also made to the Committee’s remit including several areas that were not finance related.

RESOLVED *that the Chair and Vice-chair of the Committee review the Committee’s work programme following this meeting, with input from all members of the Committee during that process, and the resulting proposed work programme be considered at the next meeting of the Committee.*

Reason

To work towards an efficient, effective and prioritised approach to the scrutiny undertaken by this Committee.”

Housing, Planning, Regeneration and Regulatory Services Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 2nd July the Committee considered the proposed Scrutiny Work Programme. The following minute extract from the minutes of the meeting refers to their comments and resolution:

“6. Work Programme

A report of the Head of Strategic Support was submitted to enable the Committee to review and agree its work programme (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes). The Democratic Services Manager assisted the Panel with the consideration of this item.

RESOLVED

- 1. that scrutiny of the Local Plan be scheduled to the Committee’s meeting to be held on 10th December 2019;*
- 2. that the current position with the Committee’s Work Programme be noted.*

Reasons

- 1. The Committee wished to scrutinise the development of the Local Plan after the second consultation has taken place in October 2019.*

2. *To make the Committee aware of the current position with its Work Programme.*”

Neighbourhoods and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee

At its meeting on 9th July the Committee considered the proposed Scrutiny Work Programme. The following minute extract from the minutes of the meeting refers to their comments and resolution:

“6. WORK PROGRAMME

A report of the Head of Strategic Support was submitted to enable the Committee to review and agree its work programme (item 7 on the agenda filed with these minutes).

The Democratic Services Manager assisted the Panel with the consideration of this item.

The Chair referred to the current programme having been carried over from the previous scrutiny structure. He hoped that the Committee would take a new, more efficient, effective and prioritised approach to its scrutiny work, including the involvement of the public at a future stage. To that end, the Committee:

1. *that a briefing report about leisure provision including leisure centres and Loughborough Town Hall be scheduled to the Committee’s meeting to be held on 26th November 2019;*
2. *that a briefing report about community grants providing an explanation of how they operate and the work with strategic partners be scheduled to the Committee’s meeting to be held on 10th September 2019;*
3. *that a briefing report setting out options to improve the recycling rate and to reduce the level of waste contamination be scheduled to the Committee’s meeting to be held on 26th November 2019;*
4. *That a Scrutiny Review Panel concerning Anti- Social Behaviour and crime prevention be considered further at the 10th September meeting when the Police will be in attendance.*
5. *That the current position with the Committee’s Work Programme be noted.*

Reasons

1, 2 & 3. The Committee wished to scrutinise the development of leisure provision, community grants and recycling rates after more information was made available.

4. To enable a Panel to be set up should information from the Police suggest that it would be beneficial.

5. To make the Committee aware of the current position with its Work Programme.

Scrutiny Work Programme

The current Scrutiny Work Programme, as it stood at the time of the publication of this agenda, is attached as Appendix 1 to enable the Commission to decide which scrutiny body should consider new items and currently unscheduled items, and when those should be considered.

Any decisions taken by the Commission during the meeting will be reflected in an updated Work Programme.

Appendices: Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Work Programme

Background Papers: None

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