

## **SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 11TH JANUARY 2021**

### **Report of the Head of Strategic Support**

ITEM 12

### **SCRUTINY COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **Purpose of Report**

To enable the Commission to review its own work programme, including considering the list of forthcoming Executive Key Decisions in order to schedule items for pre-decision scrutiny.

#### **Work Programme**

The Commission's current work programme is attached at Appendix 1. Currently the work programme consists of items concerned with the Commission's roles in overseeing the scrutiny function and undertaking pre-decision scrutiny.

At its meeting on 12th October 2020 the Commission resolved to review the temporary arrangements at its meeting on 8th March 2020.

As a result, the Commission's Work Programme would focus on the following in the interim period:

- Updates on the Council's recovery cells; economic recovery and community recovery,
- A strengthened relationship between the Scrutiny Commission and the Audit Committee (a meeting was scheduled between the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission and the Chair of the Audit Committee on 9th November 2020),
- The use of 'Questions under Scrutiny Committee Procedure 11.16' as set out in the Constitution.
- The ordinary pre-decision scrutiny of scheduled Cabinet items.

At its meeting on 7th December 2020, the Commission did not make any changes to its work programme. However since that date, the following has been agreed by the Chair;

- i. At the Scrutiny Commission meeting on 14th September 2020, the Commission requested a Commercialisation Update for the meeting on 11th January 2021, which was placed onto the work programme. However it has since been agreed that the Audit Committee would review commercial property acquisitions on a quarterly basis, meaning that they would not be required to come through the Scrutiny Commission. Therefore, the Commercialisation Update which was initially scheduled for the agenda for 11th January 2021 has been removed to avoid duplication of reporting.
- ii. The Scrutiny Commission was due to receive further Covid-19 Recovery Cell updates, focussing on community recovery in January 2021, and economic recovery in February 2021. However, it has since been highlighted by officers that there had not been notable actions within the recovery groups since they

were last reported on. Therefore, the Chair of the Scrutiny Commission agreed to pause the Recovery Cell Updates until there was sufficient action to report on.

## Key Decisions

To enable the Commission to be aware of the Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet over the coming months and to determine which, if any, of these items should be programmed for pre-decision scrutiny, details of forthcoming Exempt and Key Decisions to be taken by the Cabinet are attached as Appendix 2.

Items dated prior to this meeting have been removed from the Appendix to avoid confusion.

Appendices:	Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Commission Work Programme Appendix 2 – Notice of Key Decisions
Background Papers:	None
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