

SCRUTINY COMMISSION – 28TH JUNE 2021

Report of the Head of Strategic Support

ITEM 13

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.

Following the review of the scrutiny structure, the Commission resolved the following at its meeting on 8th March 2021;

“ RESOLVED

1. *That it be recommended to Council that, with effect from the 2021/22 civic year:*

1a. *The Scrutiny Committee structure be amended to consist of the following two standing scrutiny committees, with the responsibilities, functions and membership as set out in Appendix B, with the amendment that membership of the respective committees:*

- *Scrutiny Commission (Membership 7)*
- *Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee (Membership 9); and*

1b. *Delegated authority be given to the Monitoring Officer to make any consequential amendments to the Constitution that may be required.*

2. *That it be noted that the Monitoring Officer will request that the Independent Remuneration Panel consider the special responsibility allowances for the Chair and Vice-chairs of the two committees, and that appropriate recommendations will then be made to Council to amend the Scheme of Member Allowances accordingly.*

3. *That a workshop be scheduled following the Council meeting on 26th April 2021 to allow members of the Scrutiny Commission to develop and align their work programme to reflect the new scrutiny structure. This would then be reported back into the Scrutiny Commission for transparency.*

Reasons

- 1. To amend the Scrutiny structure following the review that has been undertaken.*
- 2. To ensure that the Scheme of Member Allowances is kept up to date and relevant.*
- 3. To ensure the work programmes of the newly established scrutiny committees were appropriate for the delivery of good scrutiny.”*

This was approved at Full Council on 26th April 2021 and a Scrutiny Work Programme Workshop had taken place on 24th May 2021 in order to facilitate the establishment of the Finance and Performance Scrutiny Committee and the continuation of Scrutiny Panels.

At its meeting on 4th May 2021, the Commission made no changes to its work programme.

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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