

## **WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22**

**Head of Service:** Gillian McTaggart, Head of Corporate Assurance

**Wards affected:** (All Wards);

**Urgent Decision?(yes/no)**

**If yes, reason urgent decision required:**

**Appendices (attached):** Appendix 1 – Work Programme 2021/22

### **Summary**

This report presents the Committee with the work programme for 2021/22.

### **Recommendation (s)**

#### **The Committee is asked to:**

- (1) Note and agree the on-going work programme for 2021/22 attached at Appendix 1**
- (2) To consider the request for a post implementation review of the Council restructure to be added to the current work programme of the Strategy & Resources Committee.**

## **1 Reason for Recommendation**

- 1.1 Paragraph 1.2(d) of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules states that the Committee is responsible for approving an annual Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme, including the programme of any subcommittees or panels. The recommendation enables the Committee to maintain oversight of its work programme 2021/22 and make any additions or adjustments it may wish.

## **2 Work Programme**

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- 2.1 The Committee work programme for 2021/22 was agreed at its April 2021 meeting . Appendix 1 shows the current position of the work programme . Previously, two additional items were added to the work programme and were reported to the meeting in November , this included a post implementation review of Defoe Court and a report on the appointment of a new external auditor .
- 2.2 Two reports have been deferred from this meeting due to the current pressures on officers to deliver priorities and additional workload relating to the Covid 19 pandemic. These are a report to update the Committee on Compliance with the Surveillance Camera Code of Practice and a monitoring report on progress against the priorities for 2021/22. Both reports have been pushed back to April 2022. Two additional reports have been added to the work programme, namely reporting on Ombudsman decisions and the publication of Gifts & Hospitality Registers.
- 2.3 The Scrutiny Officer has received a request that this Committee consider a review of the Council wide staffing restructure, to realign resources, which was implemented on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2021.

### **3 Risk Assessment**

#### Legal or other duties

##### 3.1 Impact Assessment

3.1.1 No implications for the purposes of this report.

##### 3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 The Crime & Disorder Committee has a responsibility to review the actions and decisions of the local Community Safety Partnership on an annual basis. The work programme enables the Committee to meet this responsibility.

##### 3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 No implications for the purposes of this report

##### 3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 Completion of the Council's financial accounts for 2021/22 are dependent upon consideration of the Annual Internal Audit Report and Opinion

##### 3.5 Other

3.5.1 No implications for the purposes of this report.

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## 4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

## 5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 None for the purposes of this report.
- 5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** none arising from the contents of this report.

## 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

- 6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:
- 6.1.1 All priorities
- 6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.
- 6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** None for the purposes of this report.
- 6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** the work programme includes the scrutiny of the actions and decisions of the community Safety Partnership.
- 6.5 **Partnerships:** None for the purposes of this report

## 7 Background papers

- 7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

### **Previous reports:**

- Annual Report 2020/21, Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee, 19 November 2020
- Work Programme 2020/21, Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee 8 April 2021
- Work Programme 2021/22; Audit, Crime & Disorder and Scrutiny Committee 18 November 2021

### **Other papers:**

- None