
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 02 October 2019

Title: Update – Overview and Scrutiny Management Board work programme 2019/20

Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?

No

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Ward(s) Affected

All

Summary

1.1 The work programme has been developed following a Scrutiny Chairs' work planning session held on June 19, 2019 with Cabinet Members and the Strategic Leadership Team. Since that point, Overview and Scrutiny Management Board (OSMB) has had ongoing discussions to refine its draft work programme. It asked that regular updates be provided to the Board for further discussion and re-prioritisation as necessary.

1.2 OSMB has prioritised its work programme with reference to the '**PAPERS**' framework. This is as follows:

Public Interest: the concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny (including reference to equality duties);

Ability to change: priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically influence;

Performance: priority should be given to the areas in which the Council and other agencies are not performing well;

Extent: priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the district;

Replication: work programmes must take account of what else is happening in the areas being considered to avoid duplication or wasted effort;

Statutory responsibility: where an issue is part of a statutory duty to scrutinise or hold to account (or the area under scrutiny is a statutory, high profile responsibility including reference to equality duties)

1.3 Appendix 1 has a summary of work to date, recommendations and progress against agreed tasks. Work undertaken since the recess includes:

- A sub-group has been established to undertake detailed pre-decision scrutiny on the outcomes of the Library Strategy Consultation (September 2019).
- Expressions of interest have been sought to be part of a sub-group to examine progress in relation to the Customer Access Strategy (provisionally October 2019).

- Performance Sub-Group, expressions of interest have been sought to be part of a subgroup to examine the following measures:
 - 3.A2 An increase in the % of positive outcomes over the year for reported Hate Crime cases
 - 3.B2 (a) effective enforcement action taken where evidence is found a) flytipping (fixed penalty notices and prosecutions)
 - 5. D2 Sickness is managed and well-being supported.

1.4 The Board should be mindful of the timeliness of the matters within its work programme and ensure that it leaves sufficient flexibility to undertake any pre-decision scrutiny arising from matters in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions or be able to reprioritise should any items be referred to it from the Cabinet or other sources.

Recommendations:

1. That Members consider the work programme as outlined in Appendix 1;
2. That updates are provided to each 'ordinary' meeting of OSMB on the progress of the work programme and for further prioritisation as required.

List of Appendices Included

Appendix 1: OSMB Work Programme 2019-20

Background Papers

N/A

Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel

No

Council Approval Required

No

Exempt from the Press and Public

No