

Policy and Scrutiny

Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Director responsible for Democratic Services

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	29 June 2017
Subject:	Reporting Arrangements for Scrutiny Committees' Work Programmes for 2017/18

Summary:

This item enables the Board to agree the reporting arrangements for the scrutiny committees' work programmes in 2017/18.

Actions Required:

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is invited to approve the reporting arrangements for the scrutiny committees' work programmes for 2017/18.

1. Background

One of the roles of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is to challenge and review the scrutiny committees' work programmes, and hold the work of the scrutiny committees to account.

Under the former Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee, each of the scrutiny committees' work programmes was presented to every meeting of the Management Committee. The working group set up to review the County Council's scrutiny arrangements has called into question the effectiveness of managing the committees' work programmes in this manner and suggested ways in which the process could be improved

In order to ensure more effective challenge and review of the scrutiny committees' work programmes in future, it was proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considers each scrutiny committees' work programmes on a quarterly basis to allow for more in-depth consideration of each work programme at the meetings. To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board to hold the work of the committees to account, the chairman of each scrutiny committee will be invited to provide an update on the work of their committee and any working groups, and highlight future items that their committee will be focussing on.

Most of the chairmen of the scrutiny committees are on the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, the exception being the Chairman of the Flood and Water

Management Scrutiny Committee, who will be invited to attend the relevant meetings.

The following reporting arrangements are proposed for each scrutiny committees' work programme in 2017/18, which will continue on the same reporting cycle into 2018/19.

Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee / Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire

27 July 2017
30 November 2017
29 March 2018

Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee / Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

28 September 2017
25 January 2018
26 April 2018

Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee / Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee / Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee

26 October 2017
22 February 2018
24 May 2018

2. Conclusion

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board is asked to approve the new reporting arrangements for the scrutiny committees' work programmes to enable the Board to have an overview and manage the work of the scrutiny committees more effectively.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Not Applicable

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

4. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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