

Policy and Scrutiny

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

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	26 April 2018
Subject:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board Work Programme

Summary:

This item enables the Board to consider and comment on the content of its work programme for the coming year to ensure that scrutiny activity is focused where it can be of greatest benefit. Members are encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

The work programme will be reviewed at each meeting of the Board to ensure that its contents are still relevant and will add value to the work of the Council and partners.

Actions Required:

Members of the Board are invited to:

- 1) Review and agree the Board's work programme as set out in Appendix A to this report.
- 2) Highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

1. Background

Overview and Scrutiny should be positive, constructive, independent, fair and open. The scrutiny process should be challenging, as its aim is to identify areas for improvement. Scrutiny activity should be targeted, focused and timely and include issues of corporate and local importance, where scrutiny activity can influence and add value.

Overview and scrutiny committees should not, as a general rule, involve themselves in relatively minor matters or individual cases, particularly where there are other processes, which can handle these issues more effectively.

All members of overview and scrutiny committees are encouraged to bring forward important items of community interest to the Board whilst recognising that not all items will be taken up depending on available resource and assessment against the prioritisation toolkit.

Purpose of Scrutiny Activity

Set out below are the definitions used to describe the types of scrutiny, relating to the items on the Board's Work Programme:

Policy Development - The Board is involved in the development of policy, usually at an early stage, where a range of options are being considered.

Pre-Decision Scrutiny - The Board is scrutinising a proposal, prior to a decision on the proposal by the Executive, the Executive Councillor or a senior officer.

Policy Review - The Board is reviewing the implementation of policy, to consider the success, impact, outcomes and performance.

Performance Scrutiny - The Board is scrutinising periodic performance, issue specific performance or external inspection reports.

Consultation - The Board is responding to (or making arrangements to) respond to a consultation, either formally or informally. This includes pre-consultation engagement.

Budget Scrutiny - The Board is scrutinising the previous year's budget, or the current year's budget or proposals for the future year's budget.

Requests for specific items for information should be dealt with by other means, for instance briefing papers to members.

Identifying Topics

Selecting the right topics where scrutiny can add value is essential in order for scrutiny to be a positive influence on the work of the Council. Members may wish to consider the following questions when highlighting potential topics for discussion to the Board:-

- Will Scrutiny input add value?
Is there a clear objective for scrutinising the topic, what are the identifiable benefits and what is the likelihood of achieving a desired outcome?
- Is the topic a concern to local residents?
Does the topic have a potential impact for one or more section(s) of the local population?
- Is the topic a Council or partner priority area?
Does the topic relate to council corporate priority areas and is there a high level of budgetary commitment to the service/policy area?
- Are there relevant external factors relating to the issue?
Is the topic a central government priority area or is it a result of new government guidance or legislation?

Scrutiny and Executive Protocol

The County Council's Scrutiny and Executive Protocol sets out practical working arrangements which develops a unity of purpose between the Executive, overview and scrutiny committees as well as the Council's senior managers.

The Protocol provides a framework for positive relationships between the Executive and overview and scrutiny committees, but its effectiveness is dependent on all councillors and officers accepting the principles underlying the Protocol.

The Protocol includes the following expectations:

- The Chairman or Vice Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will as far as possible attend each meeting of the Executive.
- The Chairmen or Vice Chairmen of overview and scrutiny committees should attend meetings of the Executive, where an item relevant to their committee's remit is being considered.
- Regular briefing meetings are recommended between the Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of overview and scrutiny committees and the relevant Executive Councillor(s) and Executive Support Councillor(s). These meetings should include the scrutiny officers, and any relevant officers if required.
- It is accepted that Executive Councillors may not be able to attend all meetings of their relevant overview and scrutiny committees. An overview and scrutiny committee may request the attendance of an Executive Councillor for a particular item on the agenda. In such cases if the Executive Councillor is not available he or she should be represented by the Executive Support Councillor.

Scrutiny Panel Activity

Where a topic requires more in-depth consideration, the Board may commission a Scrutiny Panel to undertake a Scrutiny Review, subject to the availability of resources and approval of the Board. Details of Scrutiny Panel activity is set out in Appendix B.

Work Programme items on scrutiny review activity can include discussion on possible scrutiny review items; finalising the scoping for the review; consideration and approval of the final report; the response to the report; and monitoring outcomes of previous reviews.

The Board may also establish a maximum of two working groups at any one time, comprising a group of members from the Board.

Committee Working Group Activity

Scrutiny Committees may establish informal working groups, which can meet a maximum of three times, usually to consider matters in greater detail, and then to put their proposals to Committee. Details of Working Group activity is set out at Appendix C.

Executive Forward Plan

The Executive Forward Plan of key decisions to be taken from 1 November 2017 is set out at Appendix D. This is background information for the Committee's consideration to ensure that all key decisions are scrutinised by the relevant scrutiny committee.

2. Conclusion

The Board's work programme for the coming year is attached at Appendix A to this report.

Members of the Board are invited to review, consider and comment on the work programme as set out in Appendix A and highlight for discussion any additional scrutiny activity which could be included for consideration in the work programme.

Consideration should be given to the items included in the work programme as well as any 'items to be programmed' listed.

3. Consultation

a) Have Risks and Impact Analysis been carried out?

Not Applicable

b) Risks and Impact Analysis

Not Applicable

4. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – Work Programme
Appendix B	Scrutiny Panel Activity
Appendix C	Working Group Activity
Appendix D	Forward Plan of Decisions

5. 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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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

Chairman: Councillor Robert Parker

Vice Chairman: Councillor Ray Wootten

Each agenda includes the following standard items:

- **Call-in (if required)**
- **Councillor Call for Action (if required)**
- **Future Scrutiny Reviews**

26 April 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Corporate Support Services Re-provision	Sophie Reeve, Chief Commercial Officer Arnd Hobohm, Corporate Support Services Contract Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 1 May 2018)
Scrutiny Panel B - Draft Final Report from the Impact of the Part-Night Street Lighting Policy Scrutiny Review	Cllr Mrs Angela Newton, Chairman of Scrutiny Panel B	Policy Review
Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report	Nigel West, Head of Democratic Services and Statutory Scrutiny Officer	Performance Scrutiny
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee • Health Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Hugo Marfleet, Chairman of Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Cllr Carl Macey, Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

24 May 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Corporate Support Services Contract including Top 20 IT Projects	Sophie Reeve, Chief Commercial Officer Arnd Hobohm, Corporate Support Services Contract Manager	Performance Scrutiny

24 May 2018		
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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee • Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Robert Foulkes Chairman of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Cllr Nigel Pepper Chairman of Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

28 June 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Review of Financial Performance 2017/18	David Forbes, County Finance Officer	Budget Scrutiny / Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 3 July 2018)
2017/18 Council Business Plan Quarter 4	Jasmine Sodhi, Performance and Equalities Manager	Performance Scrutiny / Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 3 July 2018)
Treasury Management Annual Report 2017/18	Karen Tonge, Treasury Manager Link Asset Services	Performance Scrutiny
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee • Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee • Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Tony Bridges Chairman of Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Cllr Mike Brookes Chairman of Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee Cllr Daniel McNally Chairman of the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

30 August 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Corporate Support Services Contract	Sophie Reeve, Chief Commercial Officer Arnd Hobohm, Corporate Support Services Contract Manager	Performance Scrutiny
2018/19 Council Business Plan Quarter 1	Jasmine Sodhi, Performance and Equalities Manager	Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 4 September 2018)
Employee Survey Outcomes	Fiona Thompson, Service Manager – People Management	Performance Scrutiny
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Health Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Hugo Marfleet, Chairman of Adults and Community Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee Cllr Carl Macey, Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

27 September 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Monitoring Report 2018/19	David Forbes, County Finance Officer	Budget Scrutiny / Pre Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 2 October 2018)
Capital Strategy 2018/19	David Forbes, County Finance Officer	Pre Decision Scrutiny (Executive Councillor decision TBC)
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Robert Foulkes, Chairman of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Cllr Nigel Pepper, Chairman of Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

27 September 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Treasury Management Performance Quarter 1 (1 April to 30 June 2018)	Karen Tonge, Treasury Manager	Performance Scrutiny (For Information)

25 October 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Corporate Support Services Contract	Sophie Reeve, Chief Commercial Officer Arnd Hobohm, Corporate Support Services Contract Manager	Performance Scrutiny
Review of Financial Risk Assessment	David Forbes, County Finance Officer	Budget Scrutiny
Council Workforce Plan 2018/19 – Progress Report	Fiona Thompson, Service Manager – People Management	Performance Scrutiny
Staff Sickness and Appraisal Performance	Fiona Thompson, Service Manager – People Management	Performance Scrutiny
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Tony Bridges Chairman of Environment and Economy Scrutiny Committee Cllr Mike Brookes Chairman of Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

29 November 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
2018/19 Council Business Plan Quarter 2	Jasmine Sodhi, Performance and Equalities Manager	Performance Scrutiny / Pre-Decision Scrutiny (Executive decision on 4 December 2018)

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Treasury Management Performance Quarter 2 (1 July to 30 September 2018)	Karen Tonge, Treasury Manager	Performance Scrutiny (For Information)

20 December 2018		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Corporate Support Services Contract	Sophie Reeve, Chief Commercial Officer Arnd Hobohm, Corporate Support Services Contract Manager	Performance Scrutiny
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee 	Cllr Robert Foulkes, Chairman of Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee Cllr Nigel Pepper, Chairman of Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Performance Scrutiny

For more information about the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board please contact Tracy Johnson, Senior Scrutiny Officer, on 01522 552164 or by e-mail at Tracy.Johnson@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Scrutiny Panel Activity

(as at 18 April 2018)

Current Reviews

Scrutiny Panel A	Membership	Completion Date
	Councillors Mrs J Brockway (Chairman), S Dodds (Vice Chairman),	

Scrutiny Panel B	Membership	Completion Date
Impact of the Part Night Street Lighting Policy	Councillors Mrs A Newton (Chairman), S Kirk (Vice Chairman), D McNally, R Renshaw, P Skinner, A Stokes, M Storer and Mrs R Trollope-Bellew	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board on 26 April 2018

All completed review reports to be approved by relevant scrutiny committee before consideration at a meeting of the County Council's Executive.

Working Group Activity

(as at 18 April 2018)

Committee	Working Group	Membership
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	UK's Exit from the European Union	Councillors Mrs A Austin, T Bridges, M Brookes, M T Fido, R L Foulkes, C E H Marfleet, Mrs M J Overton MBE, R B Parker, A M Stokes and Mrs C A Talbot; and added member: Mr S Rudman
Overview and Scrutiny Management Board	IT Provision	To Be Agreed
Children and Young People Scrutiny Committee	Pupil Exclusions	Councillors M D Boles, S R Dodds, R J Kendrick, A P Maughan and R Wootten
Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire	Quality Accounts	Councillors C J T H Brewis, R J Kendrick, C S Macey and M A Whittington; and District Councillors P Gleeson and J Kirk
Health Scrutiny Committee for Lincolnshire	STP Operational Efficiency	Councillors C J T H Brewis, C S Macey and M A Whittington; and District Councillor J Kirk

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