

Open Report on behalf of David Coleman, Chief Legal Officer

Report to:	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee
Date:	22 January 2019
Subject:	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Summary:

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

Members are encouraged to highlight items that could be included for consideration in the work programme.

Actions Required:

Members of the Committee are invited to:

- 1) Review, consider and comment on the 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 committee whilst recognising that not all items will be taken up depending on available resource.

Committee Scope

As part of its terms of reference, the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee will work to review and scrutinise the following services and their outcomes:

- Volunteering support
- Adult education
- Financial inclusion
- Community engagement and development
- Community hubs
- Library services and archives
- Heritage services
- Preventing and reducing crime
- Tackling domestic abuse
- Fire and rescue and emergency response
- Trading standards
- Emergency planning
- Road safety
- Reducing anti-social behaviour
- Registration, celebratory and coroner's services

There will inevitably be service specific subjects that the scrutiny committee will want to consider, either through policy development, project updates, or through pre-decision scrutiny.

Purpose of Scrutiny Activity

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

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

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

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

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

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

Budget Scrutiny - The Committee 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 committee:-

- 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 Review Activity

Where a topic requires more in-depth consideration, the Committee may commission a Scrutiny Panel to undertake a Scrutiny Review, subject to the availability of resources and approval of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board. The Committee may also establish a maximum of two working groups at any one time, comprising a group of members from the committee.

2. Conclusion

The Committee's work programme for the coming year is attached at Appendix A to this report. A list of all upcoming Forward Plan decisions relating to the Committee is also attached at Appendix B.

Members of the Committee 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	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme
Appendix B	Forward Plan of Decisions relating to the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

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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Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

22 JANUARY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2019/20	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Budget proposals for 2018/19.
Future Model of the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY
Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services Report	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	Outcome and actions from Fire & Rescue HMICFRS inspection.
Stay Safe Partnership	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Overview of the Stay Safe project, ensuring every child in Lincolnshire receives the most appropriate input to enable them to make informed decisions to keep themselves safe.

12 MARCH 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Authority to Procure Replacement Breathing Apparatus Equipment	Dan Quinn, Assistant Chief Fire Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive 2 April 2019
Quarter 3 Performance Report (1 October to 31 December 2018)	Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Serious and Organised Crime	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Serious and Organised Crime - Including Modern Slavery.

23 APRIL 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Future Model of the Heritage Service	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Executive 8 May 2019
Community Hub Progress and Developments	Louise Egan, Library and Heritage Client Lead	Review of the current position of the Community Hubs

23 APRIL 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Domestic Abuse	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Domestic Abuse

11 JUNE 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Lincolnshire Fire and Rescue Performance Annual Report	Chief Fire Officer	Performance Scrutiny
Consultation & Engagement Activity Annual Review	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer; Bev Finnegan, Programme Manager, Community Engagement	A review of council wide consultation & engagement activity and how it helps the Council to effectively engage people and be better informed to improve service provision.
Quarter 4 Performance Report (1 January to 31 March 2019)	Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Reducing Offending	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Reducing Offending

23 JULY 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Library Services Contract – Year Three Review Report	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the third year performance and key performance indicators (KPI) for the Library Services Contract.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Safer Lincolnshire Partnership Priorities – Anti-social Behaviour	Sara Barry, Safer Communities Manager	Review of work being undertaken as part of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership to tackle Anti-social Behaviour.

17 SEPTEMBER 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 1 Performance Report (1 April to 30 June 2019)	Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information
Lincolnshire Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Services Annual Report	Donna Sharp, County Services Manager (Registration & Celebratory Service and Coroners Service)	Annual Report

29 OCTOBER 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Annual Prevent Review Report	Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer, Paul Drury, Programme Officer - Prevent	The Lincolnshire Annual report on Prevent related activities in relation to local authority responsibilities.
Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance 2018-19	Nick Borrill, Chief Fire Officer	

10 DECEMBER 2019 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Quarter 2 Performance Report (1 July to 30 September 2019)	Chief Fire Officer, Chris Davison, County Officer - Public Protection, Nicole Hilton, Chief Community Engagement Officer	Review of the Key Performance and Customer Satisfaction Information.
Road Safety Partnership Annual Report	Steven Batchelor, Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership	Annual update on the Road Safety Partnership including information on fatal, killed and serious injury figures for Lincolnshire and progress Action Plan.

For more information about the work of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee please contact Daniel Steel, Scrutiny Officer on 01522 552102 or by e-mail at daniel.steel@lincolnshire.gov.uk

Forward Plan of Decisions relating to the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

DEC REF	MATTERS FOR DECISION	DATE OF DECISION	DECISION MAKER	PEOPLE/GROUPS CONSULTED PRIOR TO DECISION	DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED FOR DECISION	HOW AND WHEN TO COMMENT PRIOR TO THE DECISION BEING TAKEN	RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER AND CHIEF OFFICER	KEY DECISION YES/NO	DIVISIONS AFFECTED
I017124 New!	Authority to Procure Replacement Breathing Apparatus Equipment	2 April 2019	Executive	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Report	Assistant Chief Fire Officer Tel: 01522 582222 Email: dan.quinn@lincolnshire.gov.uk	Executive Councillor: Culture and Emergency Services and Executive Director of Finance and Public Protection	Yes	All Divisions
I013959	Future Model of the Heritage Service	8 May 2019	Executive	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee	Report	Chief Community Engagement Officer Tel: 01522 553831 Email: nicole.hilton@lincolnshire.gov.uk	Executive Councillor: NHS Liaison, Community Engagement and Chief Executive	Yes	All Divisions