

**Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham,
Executive Director - Resources**

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Board
Date:	19 December 2019
Subject:	Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes: - • Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee

Summary:

As set out in the Council's constitution, a key role for this Board is monitoring and guiding the future work programmes of the other scrutiny committees. This usually takes place on a quarterly basis, and at the same time the Board considers the previous work undertaken by the scrutiny committee since its last report. This report focuses on the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

Actions Required:

To consider if the Board is satisfied with the previous activity and the content of the planned future work programme of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

1. Background

Role of the Board

The Council's constitution includes in this Board's terms of reference the following two clauses: -

- To agree and monitor the ongoing overview and scrutiny work programme, in particular holding the chairmen and/or vice chairmen to account for their committee's work programme on a quarterly basis.
- To monitor and guide the activities of the other overview and scrutiny committees.

Reporting Timetable

The table below sets out the proposed reporting timetable until September 2020: -

Scrutiny Committee	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date	Monitoring Date
Adults and Community Wellbeing	24 Oct 2019	26 Mar 2020	02 July 2020
Health			
Children and Young People	28 Nov 2019	30 Apr 2020	27 Aug 2020
Public Protection and Communities	19 Dec 2019		
Environment and Economy	27 Feb 2020	28 May 2020	24 Sept 2020
Highways and Transport			
Flood and Water Management			

The work programmes of two committees are normally considered at each meeting, except when the Flood and Water Management Scrutiny Committee is due for consideration.

The highlights of previous activity and the future work programme of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee are attached at Appendix A.

2. Conclusion

The Board is asked to consider whether it is satisfied with the previous activity and the planned work programme of the Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee.

3. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report

Appendix A	Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee - Highlights of Activity and Future Work Programme
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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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**PUBLIC PROTECTION AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTIVITY AND FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

Activity Highlights Since Last Report to the Board on 26 September 2019

The Public Protection and Communities Scrutiny Committee met on 29 October 2019 and 10 December 2019 and considered a number of reports including the following items:

Annual Prevent Review

In October, members were informed that the government had recently announced the appointment of Lord Carlile as the Independent Reviewer of the Prevent programme, which would focus on the current national delivery of the Prevent programme and make recommendations for the future. The review is expected to report to Parliament by August 2020.

Members were reassured that officers in Lincolnshire were working with partners and engaging with the community on Prevent. Lincolnshire has put in place a robust framework for governance and leadership which included offering training and development to staff; engagement and diversity awareness workshops; women's engagement workshops and a community collaboration project.

Registration, Celebratory and Coroners Service Update

Members were advised that the service was meeting requirements to register births and stillbirths, with 99.62% of people rating the service as good. Members were informed that as of July 2019 the Registration service had been able to take card payments for certificates and all other services at its main Lincoln Office, and the card payment system had begun to be rolled out to the other offices, with the work scheduled to be completed by 4 November 2019. The Committee was pleased with the progress made in this area since highlighting this as a concern at the last update in 2018.

Performance Review: Adults Reoffending

The Committee considered an update on the Adult Reoffending performance measure in the Council Business Plan, as requested by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

Members were informed that the reoffending rate for adult offenders in Lincolnshire had remained around 29.6% on average for the last two years. It was noted that the offence type with the largest cohort of offenders and reoffenders was shoplifting. In 2016, Lincolnshire Police had launched an Assisting Rehabilitation through Collaboration (ARC) scheme, which involved working with the most prolific offenders to address the underlying causes of their offending behaviour.

Members were advised that ARC had seen a significant reduction in reoffending rates. It was acknowledged that there were some gaps in the service that needed to

be addressed and Lincolnshire police was looking to bridge those gaps and was working with a number of partners to improve the pathways for people leaving prison and ensure that all the relevant services were available to them.

It was agreed that an update on Lincolnshire's Adults Re-offending would be brought back to the Committee in 6 months' time.

Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance

In December, the Committee endorsed the annual Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance which meets the requirement for the fire and rescue authorities to provide an annual Statement of Assurance on financial, governance and operational matters and to show how they have had due regard to the expectations set out in their integrated risk management plan.

Road Safety Partnership Annual Report

The Committee received a comprehensive annual report on the Road Safety Partnership in December which provided members with an update on fatal, killed and serious injury (KSI) casualty figures for Lincolnshire.

Much progress had been made in reducing road traffic collisions since the formation of the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership in 2000. Road safety was identified as the third highest ranked service in a 2016 extensive Lincolnshire County Council public consultation exercise carried out to identify budget priorities.

The Committee received assurance on the work being undertaken by the Road Safety Partnership to reduce the number of people killed and injured on county roads and considered the current position for 2019 and progress towards the yearly delivery plan.

Future Meetings

The future work programme of the Committee is set out below.

28 JANUARY 2020 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Revenue and Capital Budget Proposals 2020/21	Les Britzman, Chief Fire Officer; Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY Budget proposals for 2020/21.
Emergency Planning – Summer 2019 Flooding Response	Ian Reed, Head of Emergency Planning & Business Continuity	Update on the Emergency Planning response to the Summer 2019 Flooding incidents.
LFR Draft Risk Management Plan 2020 Consultation	Les Britzman, Chief Fire Officer; Dan Quinn, Assistant Chief Fire Officer	Consultation

17 MARCH 2020 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Fire and Rescue Integrated Risk Management Plan 2020	Les Britzman, Chief Fire Officer	PRE-DECISION SCRUTINY
Blue Light Collaboration Programme	Tim Joyce, Area Manager-Response	Progress on the Blue Light Collaboration Programme
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Review of the Safer Lincolnshire partnership	Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities	

28 APRIL 2020 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Community Hub Progress and Developments	Louise Egan, Library and Heritage Client Lead	Review of the current position of the Community Hubs
Adults Reoffending Performance	Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities	Review of the Adults Reoffending performance measure.
Sitting as the Crime and Disorder Scrutiny Committee		
Domestic Abuse including review of commissioned services	Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities	

09 JUNE 2020 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Animal Health and Welfare review	Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities	review of activity and performance against national framework

28 JULY 2020 – 10:00am		
Item	Contributor	Purpose
Performance of the Library Services Contract – Year Four Review Report	Nicole Hilton, Assistant Director - Communities	Review of the third year performance and key performance indicators (KPI) for the Library Services Contract.
Safer Together first year review	Sara Barry, Head of Safer Communities	

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