

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM 6

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

3 JULY 2018

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME – 2018/19
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PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. The purpose of the report is two-fold:
 - i. To inform Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Board of the work programmes proposed by each of the scrutiny panels for 2018/19.
 - ii. To consider and agree topics for examination by the Overview and Scrutiny Board over the course of the municipal year.

SUMMARY RECOMMENDATIONS

2. It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Board:
 - i. Considers the range of topics identified by the individual scrutiny panels for inclusion in 2018-19 work programmes and approves/amends these as appropriate.
 - ii. Agrees a list of topics for examination by the Board during the course of the year, with an indication of whether these should be examined by the Board, by the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel or by Task and Finish Groups.

PROPOSED SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMMES

3. Proposed topics put forward by the Council's scrutiny panels are set out below. These have been considered and agreed by each of the panels following meetings held in June/ July 2018.

a. Children & Young people's Learning Scrutiny Panel

- VERBAL UPDATE TO BE PROVIDED BY CHAIR OF PANEL.

b. Children and Young People's Social Care Services Scrutiny Panel

- School holiday provision - .
 - What holiday provision is currently available in Middlesbrough which provides food and activities.
 - How can current provision be extended to ensure that all children and young people have access.
- Emotional Health and Wellbeing
 - To ensure all children and young people in Middlesbrough have good emotional health and wellbeing.
 - To identify best practice in schools.

c. Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- Adult Education (linking to employability).
- Council's Partnership working with VCS.

Updates

- RIPA.
- CONTEST.
- Reoffending and rehabilitation.
- Universal Credit (Jan 2019 meeting with Martin Barker and Lee Ogden, DWP in attendance).
- Selective Landlord Licensing.
- Community Safety Partnership (if time permits).

d. Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Full Reviews

- Air Pollution.
- Integrated Transport.

Updates

- Crematorium.
- Flood Risk.
- Centre Square Development.
- Historic Buildings.

e. Health Scrutiny Panel

- Vulnerable and fragile health services.
- Suicide prevention with a focus on self-harm.
- Childhood obesity.

f. Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- The Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender+ (LGBT+) community and elderly care.
- Social Care Support for Older Carers (incorporating elements of informal/ hidden carers and carers assessments).

Task & Finish

- Intergenerational Housing.

Updates

- Care Home development in Middlesbrough.
- Adult Social Care finance.
- Reducing Loneliness and/ or Social Isolation in Later Life.

g. Tees Valley Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

- Monitoring of the Ambulance Service (Standing Item)
- TEWV Quality Account (Standing Item)
- Roseberry Park – Task and Finish Review of Impact of PFI scheme /remedial works on delivery of services
- Tees Suicide Prevention Plan – Annual Update (*requested in October 2017*)
- IAPT Re-commissioning – Updates
- NHS LD and Complex Needs Respite and Short Breaks Service Changes – Monitoring (*nb. awaiting results of the Sec. of State referrals*)

h. South Tees Health Scrutiny Joint Committee

No date set for meeting.

POSSIBLE TOPICS FOR EXAMINATION BY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

6. In addition to the topics examined by each scrutiny panel, further subjects can be examined by the Overview and Scrutiny Board via the Ad-Hoc Scrutiny Panel or by Task and Finish Groups comprising a small number of Members. These may be cross-cutting topics that overlap the work of more than one scrutiny panel, or focus on corporate issues affecting the Council.
7. In addition to undertaking their agreed work programme, scrutiny panels have also previously responded to emerging issues - such as considering relevant new legislation, guidance or Government consultation documents.
8. This approach can result in further topics being identified for investigation or review during the year.
9. Agreed topics may be investigated as detailed scrutiny reviews over the course of several meetings, or as shorter topics over one or two meetings. Updates on scrutiny topics previously considered may also be requested.
10. OSB should also ensure that the agreed work programme is not overly ambitious so that it can be delivered within the municipal year alongside consideration of the remainder of the Board's business.
11. Scrutiny topic suggestions appropriate to the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Board have been received as follows:
 - a) Completion of the review into Council Tax Collection rates in the town.

- b) Examining loneliness and isolation in younger people as a following on from the work of the Social Care and Adult Services Scrutiny Panel.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

12. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT

13. Not applicable.

OPTION APPRAISAL / RISK ASSESSMENT

14. Not applicable.

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND WARD IMPLICATIONS

15. Financial – Any financial implications will be outlined in individual final reports.
16. Ward Implications - Any ward implications will be outlined in individual final reports.
17. Legal Implications - Any legal implications will be outlined in individual final reports.

RECOMMENDATIONS

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