

MIDDLESBROUGH COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

<p style="text-align: center;">Setting the Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme 2019/2020</p>

5 September 2019

PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1. To invite the Overview and Scrutiny Board to consider Individual Scrutiny Panel's work programmes for the 2019/20 Municipal Year.

BACKGROUND

2. At the start of every Municipal Year, scrutiny panels discuss the topics that they would like to review during the coming year.
3. Work programmes are useful as they provide some structure to a scrutiny panel's activity and allow for the effective planning and preparation of work.
4. As part of the process for establishing the work programme, support officers gather information/views from a number of sources. Below is a list of topics which were agreed at the relevant scrutiny panel.

WORKPLAN FOR 2019-2020

5. The agreed topics for each Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2019/2020 are listed below for the Board's information:

Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- Social Care Support for Older Carers (carried over from 2018/19)
- Physical Activity for Older People (aged 65+); and
- Palliative and End of Life Care (from and Adult Social Care perspective)
- Access to Wheelchair Services

Updates

- Reducing Loneliness and/or Social Isolation in Later Life
- The LGB&T Community and Elderly Care

Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- Addressing poverty issues and the impact on learning
- Parental engagement

Short Review

- Education of immigrant children

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

Full Review

- Demand on Children's Social Care Services – (to include Development of Edge of Care Provision and residential homes)
- Support for Care Leavers
- Youth provision – task and finish groups

Updates

- Update on new arrangements for Local Safeguarding Children's Board
- Update on South Tees Multi Agency Children's Hub

Culture and Communities Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- Financial inclusion and Foodbanks
- Community Integration

Updates

- Selective Landlord Licensing
- Domestic Abuse
- Cleveland Police project Operation Phoenix
- Homelessness

Economic Development, Environment and Infrastructure Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- Infrastructure Delivery (*including Broadband, Transport, Local Plan*)
- Recycling and Waste Management/Waste Disposal Facility
- Teesside Crematorium (*impact of new Crematorium at Stockton*)

Updates

- M Homes and Forward Plan
- Snow Centre
- Boho Digital Expansion Site
- Centre Square
- Historic Buildings and local conservation area protection
- Flood Risk

Health Scrutiny Panel

Full Review

- Ehlers-Danlos Syndrome / Hypermobility Spectrum Disorder: Co-ordinating Care in South Tees
 - Opioid dependency: An emerging issue
 - Tackling poor oral health in children
6. The topics and updates outlined above have been agreed by the individual Panels. When considering the work programme, the panel was advised to select topics that are of interest to it, as well as topics that the panel feels by considering, could add value to the Local Authority's work.
7. In addition to undertaking the agreed work programme, scrutiny panels have also previously responded on an ad-hoc basis to emerging issues - such as considering relevant new legislation, guidance or Government consultation documents. This approach occasionally results in further topics being identified for investigation or review throughout the year.
8. On occasion ad-hoc scrutiny panels may also be established throughout the year to undertake additional investigations, for example to examine areas of work which overlap more than one scrutiny panel.
9. Scrutiny panels are also advised that, under the terms of the Local Government Act 2000, local authorities have a responsibility of community leadership and a power to secure the effective promotion of community well-being. Therefore, in addition to the scrutiny panel's generally recognised powers (of holding the Executive to account, reviewing service provision, developing policy, considering budget plans and performance and financial monitoring), panels also have the power to consider **any** matters which are not the responsibility of the Council but which affect the local authority **or** the inhabitants of its area. For example, nationally, local authorities have undertaken scrutiny work on issues such as post office closures, rural bus services, policing matters and flood defence schemes to name a few.

Scrutiny work plan prioritisation aid

10. In deciding their work programme, Panel's may have used the aid attached at **Appendix 1** to prioritise issues where scrutiny can make an impact, add value or contribute to policy development.

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11. Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and agree individual Panel work programmes for the 2019/20 municipal year.
12. When considering the work programme, the Board is asked to ensure that topics agreed for inclusion:
- Affect a group of people living within the Middlesbrough area.

- Relate to a service, event or issue in which the Council has a significant stake or over which the Council has an influence.
- Are not issues which the Overview and Scrutiny Board or the scrutiny panels have considered during the last 12 months.
- Do not relate to an individual service complaint.
- Do not relate to matters dealt with by another Council committee, unless the issue deals with procedure.

RECOMMENDATION

13. That the Overview and Scrutiny Board agrees to the work programmes topics it would like to include in its work programme for 2019/20, for consideration/approval by the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. Scrutiny Panel Work Programme reports 2019/20.

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APPENDIX 1

