

<b>Report of:</b>	Director of Legal and Governance Services
<b>Submitted to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Board
<b>Date:</b>	20 September 2023
<b>Title:</b>	Setting the Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/2024
<b>Report for:</b>	Decision
<b>Status:</b>	Public
<b>Strategic priority:</b>	All
<b>Key decision:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Why:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Urgent:</b>	Not applicable
<b>Why:</b>	Not Applicable

**Executive summary**

Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and agree individual Panel work programmes for the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

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.

## **Purpose**

1. The purpose of the report is for the Overview and Scrutiny Board to determine the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2023/2024.

## **Background and relevant information**

2. At the start of every Municipal Year, scrutiny panels discuss the topics that they would like to review during the coming year. 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. 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.
3. The topics agreed by each Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2023/2024 are listed below in turn for the Board's approval.

### **Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel**

4. The Adult Social Care and Services Scrutiny Panel met on 12 September 2023 and agreed to put forward the following topics:-

#### In-depth reviews:

- Staying put agency - looking at adaptations and ensuring older people stay in their own home for longer;
- Hospital discharge.

#### Short Review:

- Care homes and DDA regulations

#### Updates:

- Regular updates on CQC inspection and quarterly improvement plan;
- Tees Safeguarding Adults Board; and
- Update on previous reports.

### **Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel**

5. The Children and Young People's Learning Scrutiny Panel will meet on 18 September 2023 where it will agree to put forward topics for consideration. OSB will be advised of these updates after they are agreed by the panel.

### **Environment Scrutiny Panel**

6. The Environment Scrutiny Panel met on 12 September 2023 and agreed to put forward the following topics:-

#### In-depth reviews:

- Waste Management (full review)
- Community Councils and Wider Community Engagement (full review)

#### Updates:

- Update on Off Road Bikes review (previous panel review)
- Flood Risk Management (statutory review)
- Toxic Chemicals in the River Tees/Crustacean Deaths Working Group (statutory review)
- RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers (statutory review)
- Prevent and Channel (statutory review)
- Community Safety Partnership (statutory review)

#### **Health Scrutiny Panel**

7. The Environment Scrutiny Panel met on 11 September 2023 and agreed to put forward the following topics:-

##### Topic carried over from 2022/23:

- Dental Health and the Impact of Covid-19

##### In-depth reviews:

- Avoidable Deaths and Preventable Mortality
- Obesity

##### Updates:

- Women's Health Services (including the development of women's health hubs)

#### **Regeneration Scrutiny Panel**

8. The Environment Scrutiny Panel met on 6 September 2023 and agreed to put forward the following topics:-

##### In-depth reviews:

- Planning Capacity.
- How Middlesbrough Council can fund Culture in the future.
- Housing Association Properties (if time allows)

#### **What decision(s) are being recommended?**

9. That in respect of the scrutiny work programme for 2023/2024 the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the inclusion of those topics put forward by the scrutiny panels.

#### **Rationale for the recommended decision(s)**

10. The Overview and Scrutiny Board is required to consider and approve the Scrutiny Work Programme for the forthcoming Municipal Year.

#### **Other potential decision(s) and why these have not been recommended**

11. No other options are put forward as part of the report.

**Impact(s) of the recommended decision(s)**

***Legal***

12. Not Applicable

***Strategic priorities and risks***

13. Open and transparent scrutiny supports all elements of the Council's Strategic Objectives.

***Human Rights, Equality and Data Protection***

14. Not Applicable.

***Financial***

15. Not Applicable.

**Actions to be taken to implement the recommended decision(s)**

Action	Responsible Officer	Deadline

**Appendices**

1	Scrutiny Topic Selection Aid
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**Background papers**

Body	Report title	Date
Scrutiny Panels	Work Programme Reports	Various

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# APPENDIX 1

