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| Report of: | Director of Legal and Governance Services |
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| Submitted to: | Overview and Scrutiny Board |
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| Date: | 23 October 2024 |
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| Title: | Setting the Scrutiny Work Programme 2024/2025 |
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| Report for: | Decision |
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| Status: | Public |
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| Strategic priority: | All |
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| Key decision: | Not applicable |
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| Why: | Not applicable |
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| Urgent: | Not applicable |
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| Why: | Not Applicable |
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Executive summary

Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to consider and agree individual Panel work programmes for the 2024/25 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 People Scrutiny Panel's Work Programme for 2024/2025.

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.
3. The topics agreed by the People Scrutiny Panel for the municipal year 2024/2025, at its meeting on 16 September 2024, are listed below for the Board's approval.

In-depth reviews:

- Children Missing from Education.
- Homelessness.
- Obesity.

Updates:

- South Tees Safeguarding Children Partnership (STSCP).
- Teeswide Safeguarding Adults Board (TSAB).
- Medium Term Financial Plan Refresh for Children's Services and Environment and Adult Social Care and Health Integration Directorates.

Possible Updates:

- Children's Mental Health.
- Dental Recovery Progress.
- Special Allocation Scheme.
- Speech and Language CYP Services.

What decision(s) are being recommended?

9. That in respect of the scrutiny work programme for 2024/2025 the Overview and Scrutiny Board approves the inclusion of those topics put forward by the People Scrutiny Panel.

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 |
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Appendices

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| 1 | Scrutiny Topic Selection Aid |
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Background papers

| Body | Report title | Date |
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| Scrutiny Panels | Work Programme Reports | Various |

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APPENDIX 1

