

**Meeting:** Finance Sub-committee

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**Wards affected:** All

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1** To inform Members of the topics received for potential inclusion in the 2016/17 Finance Sub-committee work programme, to set-out the work programme process to date and the next steps for finalising the topics to be included.

## **2. Recommendations**

- 2.1** The sub-committee is recommended to agree the work programme items that have been evaluated and prioritised so far and identify any further topics relevant to the remit of the sub-committee that could be included in the 2016/17 work programme.

## **3. Details**

- 3.1** The process of establishing the 2016/17 overview and scrutiny work programme began in February 2016 with an email to all Members and Tier 1, 2 and 3 managers, seeking ideas for topics scrutiny could usefully look at. It was explained with this request that, as in previous years, the focus of overview and scrutiny would be on contributing to policy development.
- 3.2** The Senior Leadership Team discussed the work programme at a meeting in March 2016, helping to identify some key policy areas for scrutiny to focus on. The work programme process and suggestions received to date was also discussed at a meeting of scrutiny chairs and deputies in March 2016.
- 3.3** In addition to asking senior staff and Members to put forward ideas, an article was also placed in the residents' magazine inviting members of the public to raise any issue that they thought would be suitable for scrutiny to investigate. As a result 2 suggestions were submitted: one in relation to Alzheimer's support and one in relation to pedestrian routes.
- 3.4** The Topics have been shared with the Chair and Deputy Chair at a pre-agenda meeting.

**3.5** The suggestions received under the remit of the Finance Sub-committee are as follows:

- Bi-monthly financial management;
- In-year monitoring of resources, including Council Tax income as part of financial management reports;
- The financial impact on the Council of the government's proposal for all schools to become academies;
- Welfare Reform – Quarterly progress reports

There are no in-depth policy development suggestions for Finance Sub-committee, with the focus remaining on Bi-monthly financial management reports and related topics as appropriate.

#### **4. Appendices**

2016/17 draft work programme for Finance Sub-committee

#### **5. Background Information**

The following documents have been used in the compilation of this report and may be inspected at the offices of the author.