

# Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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**Title:** Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015-16

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**Service:** Law & Governance

**Wards affected:** All

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## 1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to allow the Committee to consider and agree its work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.

## 2. Recommendations

The Committee is asked to:

Consider the suggested topics for inclusion in the work programme for 2015/16 and agree the areas the Committee would like to prioritise;

## 3. Details

### Background

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Chairs and Deputy Chairs met on 19 March 2015 to consider the Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.
- 3.2 The sub-committees of Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee will be reviewing the topics from this list that fall within their remit with a view to agreeing a work programme for 2015/16. Once this has been undertaken the priority areas selected will be reported to Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee.
- 3.3 The suggested topics for in-depth reviews by Committee/Sub-committee are set out in the attached appendix.
- 3.4 Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee are requested to consider the suggested topics and agree to undertake these in-depth investigations, with a view to contributing to the development of policy in these areas.
- 3.5 It has been recognised that undertaking in-depth studies is often easier to achieve outside the formal committee setting and Members could consider setting up a sub-group study group to undertake some research before reporting back to the committee where this might be appropriate. It should be understood that only one scrutiny review should be undertaken by each sub-committee at any one time.

- 3.6 The Committee is reminded that it is committed to undertake a further study on the Long term construction requirement of North Tyneside Council, when the work with regards to the Performance Priorities for the second half of the Kier North Tyneside Joint Venture is complete.
- 3.7 In addition to undertaking in-depth studies into priority policy areas, Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee will consider the following items of business throughout the year:
- Our North Tyneside bi-annual performance reports
  - Mayor's Annual Report setting out the Cabinet's priorities for the coming year
  - Plans/strategies that fall within the Budget and Policy Framework
  - Approval of reports from sub-committees/study groups

#### **4. Appendices (if any)**

Appendix 1 – Work programme 2015/16.