

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2016-17

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Service: Law & Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to inform the Committee to consider and agree its work programme for the 2016/17 municipal year.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to agree the work programme for 2016/17 and agree the areas the Committee would like to prioritise;

3. Details

Background

- 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 topics for scrutiny. 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, to identify 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 topics were identified to be undertaken in the year ahead.

- Capita Partnership

The purpose of this study will be to understand and review how the contact with our partner Capita has operated since its inception.

- ICT delivery

To review the delivery of the Authority's ICT strategy and the current ICT performance, with the understanding that the Target Operating Model and the delivery of the Creating a Brighter Future Programme is centred around having the necessary IT systems that are relevant, reliable and efficient in their use.

- 3.4 As has been practice in previous years, it is recommended that sub-groups (of around 4/5 members) be established to carry out the topics that have been selected for in-depth investigation. The sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting. Whilst more than one topic can be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub-group can be established at any one time due to resourcing constraints.
- 3.3 Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee are requested to consider its suggested topics and agree to undertake these in-depth investigations.
- 3.4 The Committee is reminded that it is currently finalising its work in relation to the work on the Future Construction Options for the Authority and no further in-depth work should be carried out until this is completed.
- 3.5 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
 - Creating a Brighter Future quarterly updates on the delivery of the Programme
 - 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
 - Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee - Annual report

4. Appendices (if any)