

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Work Programme 2016/17 update

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Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

To ask Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to select the next in-depth review to be undertaken as part of its 2016/17 work programme.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to consider and prioritise the remaining in-depth review topic suggestions from the 2016/17 work programme.

3. Details

- 3.1** At the beginning of the municipal year the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee considered a list of suggestions for inclusion in its work programme. This included several suggestions of topics that would constitute an in-depth review. In selecting topics for the work programme, it was noted that, due to resource limitations of both officers and Members, only one review could be undertaken at any given time by the committee.
- 3.2** The Committee has just completed a review of Bereavement Services and in December will undertake the annual review of the budget proposals. This will be undertaken as an intensive piece of work over one or two days. Following the completion of this work, Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee will be able to establish a new sub-group.
- 3.3** The current in-depth review topics on the work programme are as follows:
- **Capita Partnership**
To understand and review how the contract with Capita has operated since its inception, examining performance management arrangements and key performance indicators.

- **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.

- **Climate Change and Health in North Tyneside**

Climate Change is often thought of in terms of its effect on our physical environment: melting icecaps, rising sea levels, heat waves and storms. But increasing evidence shows that the human impact, in particular the impact on health.

Heat waves can pose a risk to the elderly, young and vulnerable. A warmer climate may increase the risk of disease and infection through an increase in the range of animals that carry viruses which can cause illness to humans.

Does the Local Authority and its partners need to prepare for new health problems due to climate change?

3.4 The topic of climate change and health was raised by the Environment Sub-committee. However, as the study would cover issues wider than its remit; it has been referred to Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for consideration. A sub-group into this topic would seek membership from all non-executive Members.

3.5 Members are asked to prioritise the potential studies outlined above. It is anticipated that work will begin on the next study during January 2017. In the meantime, Members can work with relevant officers to determine an appropriate scope and draft timetable for the study.

4. Appendices

N/A