



Doncaster Council

Date: 19th February, 2018

To the Chair and Members of the Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel

COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENT WORK PLAN 2017/2018 – February 2018

Relevant Member(s)	Cabinet	Wards Affected	Key Decision
The Mayor		All	None

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Committee is asked to consider the Community and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18 – February 2018, receive an update on progress and agree future items for consideration and also the draft recommendation following the Crime and Disorder Review.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to
 - Review the Community and Environment Scrutiny Panel work plan attached at Appendix A;
 - Agree when items be programmed for consideration or removed from the work plan;
 - Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B; and
 - Address the Recommendations from the Crime and Disorder Review attached at Appendix C.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

4. Regular review of the Overview and Scrutiny work plan enables the Committee to ensure it remains relevant and is responding to important issues for citizens and the borough. The work plan update helps support openness, transparency and accountability as it summarises outcomes from overview and scrutiny activities. Citizens are able to contribute to the work of overview and scrutiny by attending meetings or contributing to reviews.

BACKGROUND

5. Overview and Scrutiny has a number of key roles which focus on:
 - Reviewing decisions made by the Executive of the Council
 - Policy development and review
 - Monitoring performance (both service indicators and financial)
 - Considering issues of wider public concern.

Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions

6. Attached at Appendix B is the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions for consideration by the Panel.

Crime and Disorder Review

7. Prior to this meeting, the Panel agreed to gather evidence to learn and understand about the anti-social behaviour to serious crime pathway.
8. At the meetings the Panel was provided with presentations setting out an overview of general crime and anti-social behaviour across the Borough.
9. The evidence gathering was undertaken over two sessions addressing:
 - Crime and anti-social behaviour statistics;
 - Serious crime overview;
 - Local interventions;
 - Key challenges the Local Authority and partners;
 - Speaking to Members of the community;
 - Comparing like areas to those in a different authority.
10. In addition to officers from the Local Authority, Cabinet Members, local community leaders and representatives from South Yorkshire Police, South Yorkshire Fire Service, St Leger Homes and Barnsley MBC took part in discussions and evidence gathering.
11. A final report will be presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee but prior to that, the Panel needs to consider its proposed recommendations outlined at Appendix C.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

12. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to review the work it has undertaken and proposes for the remainder of 2017/18 civic year.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

13. There is no recommended option.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

14.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p>Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their ambitions through work that gives them and Doncaster a brighter and prosperous future;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better access to good fulfilling work • Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish • Inward Investment 	<p>The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to impact upon all of the Council's key objectives by holding decision makers to account, reviewing performance and policy development through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of the Council and external partners, services and reviewing issues outside the remit of the Council that have an impact on the residents of the Borough.</p>
	<p>Doncaster Living: Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster • More people can live in a good quality, affordable home • Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport • Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean • Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage 	
	<p>Doncaster Learning: Our vision is for learning that prepares all children, young people and adults for a life that is fulfilling;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school • Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better • Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work 	

	<p>Doncaster Caring: Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children have the best start in life • Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust • Older people can live well and independently in their own homes 	
	<p>Connected Council:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A modern, efficient and flexible workforce • Modern, accessible customer interactions • Operating within our resources and delivering value for money • A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents • Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths • Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance 	

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

15. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function it is important that the work plan is manageable and that it accurately reflects the broad range of issues within its remit. Failure to achieve this can reduce the overall impact of the function. National research has identified that over ambitious work plans that include too many items are a common cause of frustration for Scrutiny Members as they fail to achieve any outcomes. The work plan will continue to be reviewed at each ordinary meeting and officers will advise on the capacity available to undertake any additional work. This provides an opportunity to ensure work plans can be regularly monitored and reviewed.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials NJD Date...5th February 2018]

16. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011, allows a Council to do anything which an individual may do.
17. Overview and Scrutiny procedure rule 6a, of the Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive, Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will determine its own work programme.
18. Further specific legal implications and advice will be given in and contained in each report which Overview and Scrutiny will be required to consider.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials AT Date 300118]

19. There are no specific financial implications associated with this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials DLD Date 31.01.18]

20. There are no direct HR implications from the work plan, but as individual reports are brought to O & S they should pick up on specific HR implications relevant to the subject matter of the report. Where the Council has responsibility for particular actions Officers should ensure they are carried out timely and effectively.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials ET Date 010218]

21. There are no specific technology implications in relation to this report.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials CEH Date 02/02/17]

22. This report outlines the work plan to identify interventions to address crime within Doncaster's communities.
23. Indirect long term influences of exposure to crime can include the psychological and physical consequences of injury, victimisation and isolation due to fear. Without safe and secure communities, measures to encourage people to exercise, socialise or adopt more sustainable lifestyles (e.g. using public transport) are more likely to fail as people feel trapped in their houses and cars and unable to engage with local communities. Even broader economic inequalities can remain stubbornly entrenched when investment in the poorest communities by businesses and organisations is inhibited by risks of crime to staff and customers.
24. It is recommended that interventions to address crime are co-produced with residents but based on research and evidence with ongoing evaluation to determine impact and inform future resourcing decisions.
25. A wider system approach to the prevention of crime with approaches that focus on the primary prevention of crime and violence through reducing risk factors and promoting protective factors over the life course and the role of the built environment would be welcomed.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [Officer Initials CDR Date 18th January, 2018]

26. This report provides an overview on the work programme and there are no significant equality implications associated with the report. Within its programme of work Overview and Scrutiny gives due consideration to the extent to which the Council has complied with its public equality duty and given due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination; promote equality for the opportunity of fostering good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

27. During May and June, 2017 OSMC and the standing panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2017/18.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

28. Agenda, guidance and draft work plan produced following OSMC work planning events held during May and June 2017.

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