



Doncaster Council

Date: 22nd February 2018

To the Chair and Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2017/2018 – February 2018

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Committee is asked to consider the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18 – February 2018 and receive an update on progress and agree future items for consideration.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to
 - Review the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee work plan attached at Appendix A;
 - Agree when items be programmed for consideration or removed from the work plan; and
 - Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B
 - Note the correspondence made since the last meeting of the Committee to the Executive at Appendices C to F.

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.
6. An updated version of the work plan will be regularly presented to OSMC for consideration and for Chairs of Panels to verbally update at the meeting. The Committee is asked to consider the unresolved issues in Appendix A and agree when items should be programmed or removed from the list. It should be noted that the work plan highlights those items that have been considered up to the end of January, 2018 and those that are planned at the time this agenda is published.

Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions

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

Correspondence with the Executive

8. Attached at Appendix C to F are letters forwarded to the Mayor following the last OSMC meeting in December, relating to the Urban Master Plan, Armed Forces Community and Overview and Scrutiny's Response to the Mayor's Budget Proposals 2018/19 – 2020/21.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to review its work plan for 2017/18.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

10. There is no recommended option.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	Outcomes	Implications
	Doncaster Working: Our vision is for more people to be able to pursue their	The Overview and Scrutiny function has the potential to

	<p>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>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

12. 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 (Officers initials NJD Date...7/2/2018)

13. 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.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (Officers initials AT Date 06.02.18)

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

HUMAN RESOURCES (Officers initials KM Date 02.02.18)

15. There are no immediate HR implications associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS (Officers initials ET Date 010218)

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

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (Officers initials SH Date 06/02/2018)

17. This report provides an overview on the work programme and as such there are no specific health implications associated with this report. Within its programme of work, Overview and Scrutiny will need to ensure it is able to review how the Council and partners addresses health inequalities within its policies and programmes and ensure that these do not widen inequalities.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS (Officers initials CDR Date 18.01.18)

18. 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 of opportunity and foster good relations between different communities.

CONSULTATION

19. During May and June 2017, OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2017/2018.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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

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