



Doncaster Council

28th November, 2018

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

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2018/2019 – November 2018

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
Councillor Chris McGuinness, Communities, Voluntary Sector and the Environment	All	None
Councillor Joe Blackham, Highways, Street Scene and Trading Services		
Councillor Nigel Ball, Cabinet Member Public Health, Leisure and Culture		

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Panel is asked to consider the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2018/19, 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:
 - a) Review the Overview and Scrutiny work plan attached at Appendix A;

- b) Agree when items be programmed for consideration or removed from the work plan; and
- c) Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B.

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); and
 - Considering issues of wider public concern.
- 6. An updated version of the work plan is regularly presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee and Panels for consideration. The Panel 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 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 Panel.

Flood Review – Changes made since the floods of 2007

- 8. On 23rd October, 2018 the Panel undertook its review on changes made since the 2007 floods. The evidence gathering was led by Doncaster Council officers but the Panel also received information from a number of partners including the Environment Agency, the Water Management Consortium and Doncaster East Internal Drainage Board, Yorkshire Water and the Coal Authority. It was learnt that many changes had been made but Members acknowledged that flooding could never be stopped completely but how to best manage water and provide preventative measures to reduce the impact of any future possible flooding was addressed. The findings from the report will be presented to a future meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for consideration.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to review its work plan for 2018/19.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

10. There is no recommended option.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

- 11.

	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 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 [SRF 29.10.18]

13. The Council's Constitution states that subject to matters being referred to it by the Full Council, or the Executive and any timetables laid down by those bodies, Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (and its panels) will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6a).

Specific legal implications and advice will be provided as required on matters brought to the panel.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (MS 31.10.18)

14. There are no specific financial implications related to the contents of this report. There may be financial implications relating to specific elements on the work plan but these will be highlighted in the relevant reports at the appropriate time.

HUMAN RESOURCES [AC 29.10.2018]

15. There are no HR specific to the recommendations, however, any emerging changes that impact on the workforce would require HR engagement at the appropriate time.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [PW 07.11.18]

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

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS [RS 30.10.2018]

17. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee can perform a key role in the council's adoption of a health in all policies approach. All areas of the committee's work plan can impact on health and it is important that the health implications of each item are considered separately given that 20% of what contributes to health is from clinical care, 30% from healthy behaviours, 40% from socio-economic factors and 10% from the built environment.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [CR 29.10.18]

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 2018, OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2018/2019.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

20. Agenda, guidance and draft work plan produced following Scrutiny work planning events held during May and June 2018.

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