



Doncaster Council

21st January, 2019

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

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2018/2019 – January 2019

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 2018/19.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to:
 - a. Review the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee work plan attached at Appendix A;
 - b. Agree when items be programmed for consideration or removed from the work plan;
 - c. Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B; and
 - d. Note the correspondence detailed at appendices C and D.

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 that 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. OSMC manages the work programmes for itself and the standing Panels except the Health and Adult Social Care Panel which manages its own work programme primarily because it has statutory responsibilities relating to Health Scrutiny.
7. The Panels endeavor to deliver a more outcome focused Scrutiny function concentrating on delivering evidence based recommendations whilst OSMC focus on effective Scrutiny and performance monitoring and co-ordination of the wider Overview and Scrutiny activities.

Work Plan Monitoring

8. In progressing its future work programme, a copy is attached at Appendix A, the Committee will need to take account of the capacity of the Committee and the Panels to consider additional issues that may have arisen in recent weeks. Scrutiny Chairs are asked to report back to the Committee on progress made.

Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions

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

Correspondence from the 2nd November OSMC meeting

10. Attached at Appendices C and D are letters to the Executive supporting the Community Safety Strategy 2018-21 and recommendations following consideration of the Finance and Performance Improvement Report and Delivering for Doncaster' Booklet.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

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

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

12. There is no recommended option.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

13.

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

14. 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 Date: 31/12/18)

15. 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 (VJB – 20/12/18)

16. There are no specific financial implications attached to this report.

HUMAN RESOURCES (RH 21/12/18)

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

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS (PW 21/12/18)

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

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (RS 20/12/2018)

19. 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. Within its programme of work, Overview and Scrutiny will need to ensure it is also 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 (CR 20.12.18)

20. 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

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

22. Agenda, guidance and draft work plan produced following overview and scrutiny work planning events held during May and June 2018.

REPORT AUTHOR & CONTRIBUTORS

Christine Rothwell, Senior Governance Officer

☎ 01302 735682 📧 christine.rothwell@doncaster.gov.uk

Caroline Martin, Senior Governance Officer

☎ 01302 734941 📧 caroline.martin@doncaster.gov.uk

Debbie Hogg
Director of Corporate Resources