



Doncaster Council

17th July 2019

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

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2019/2020 – July 2019 Update

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Panel is asked to note the agreed an Overview and Scrutiny work programme for 2019/20.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Panel is asked to:
 - Note the agreed Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny work plan for 2019/20 in Appendix A.
 - Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B;
 - Note that the work plan is a living document and will be reviewed and updated at each meeting of the Panel to include any relevant correspondence, updates, new issues and resources available to meet additional requests;

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.

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.

Monitoring the Work Programme

7. An updated version of the work plan is regularly presented to OSMC 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.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

8. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Panel to review its work plan for 2019/20.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

9. There is no recommended option.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

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	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 	<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</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inward Investment 	
	<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>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 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 	

	<p>delivering value for money</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 	
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RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

11. 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 (SF Date 16/05/19).

12. 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 [DB Date 21/5/19]

13. There are no specific financial implications arising from this report, however, the delivery of the work plan will need to take place within agreed budgets. Any financial implications relating to specific reports on the work plan will be included in those reports.

HUMAN RESOURCES (AC 17/05/19)

14. There are no HR implications specific to the Overview and Scrutiny panel work plan. Any matters that emerge from the committee that impact on the workforce would require HR engagement at the appropriate time and would be subject to separate approval.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS [PW Date 17/05/19]

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

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (CT Date 17/05/2019)

16. 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, Communities and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel will need to ensure it is able to review how the Council addresses health inequalities within its policies and programmes and ensure that these do not engender inequalities.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS [CM 02/05/19]

17. 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



18. During June 2019, OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2019/2020.

BACKGROUND PAPERS



19. Agenda, guidance and draft work plan produced following Scrutiny workplanning events held during June 2019.

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