



# Doncaster Council

23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2022

To the Chair and Members of the  
**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2022/23**

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

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Committee is asked to agree an overview and scrutiny work programme for 2022/23.

## EXEMPT REPORT

2. This report is not exempt.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to:
  - Approve the 2022/23 Overview and Scrutiny work programme - latest draft attached in Appendix A (the completed draft workplan will be circulated following the final work planning meeting).
  - Consider the Council's Forward Plan of key decisions attached at Appendix B; and
  - Note the appointment of the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee (South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire).

## 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. Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) manages the work programmes for itself and the standing Panels except the Health and Adult Social Care Panel that 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.
8. The statutory responsibilities that Overview and Scrutiny must undertake include an annual review of the Community Safety Partnership, consultation on budget and policy framework issues and health scrutiny issues.
9. OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions during June 2022 with a view to identifying a small number of review topics. A copy of the latest draft work plan is attached in Appendix A, the completed draft workplan will be circulated following the final work planning meeting.
10. In drafting its future work programme, the Committee will need to take account of the capacity of the Committee and the Panels to consider additional issues that may arise during the course of the year.
11. The Committee will also need to ensure that it manages and co-ordinates the work of the Panels to ensure there is an even balance across the Scrutiny function, key issues are being considered and Chairs receive the advice and support to deliver their work plans. Scrutiny Chairs are asked to regularly report back to the Committee on the progress of their reviews.

### **Council's Forward Plan of Key Decisions**

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

### **Monitoring the Work Programme**

13. An updated version of the work plan will be regularly presented to OSMC for consideration and this will include copies of correspondence and briefings in relation to recommendations resulting from Scrutiny Panel reviews. In this way Members will be able to see more clearly the progress and impact being made. The work of OSMC and the Panels will be reported annually to full Council and the progress of the standing Panels will be reported to OSMC where appropriate and to the Chairs and Vice Chairs Liaison Group.

## Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South Yorkshire and Derbyshire (JHOSC)

14. The Joint, Health. Overview and Scrutiny Committee for South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire (JHOSC) is a collaborative of six clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) and the NHS England across South Yorkshire, Derby and North Derbyshire. The Membership is as follows:

- Barnsley
- Doncaster
- Sheffield
- Rotherham
- Derbyshire
- Nottinghamshire

15. The Chair of Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel was appointed by Full Council on the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as a representative on the JHOSC and Councillor Ransome was appointed as the agreed substitute, their appointments will be in place until the Annual Council Meeting in 2023.

### Partnership Links

16. The Committee and Panels are asked to continue maintaining an overview and understanding of partnership activities. As the delivery of Borough priorities rely on a partnership approach, the Panels are requested to make the necessary arrangements to secure links with relevant partnership bodies. This could include regular updates from the partnership body or Council representative. Information on Team Doncaster is also accessible through Twitter and the Team Doncaster website <http://www.teamdoncaster.org.uk>. It is suggested that a flexible approach to working with the partnership will enable the identification of future work plan issues and help ensure Members gain a greater awareness of partnership activity.

### OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REASONS

17. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to agree its work plan for 2022/23.

### IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

18.

	Outcomes	Implications
	<p><b>Doncaster Working:</b> 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"> <li>• Better access to good fulfilling work</li> <li>• Doncaster businesses are supported to flourish</li> <li>• Inward Investment</li> </ul>	<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><b>Doncaster Living:</b> Our vision is for Doncaster's people to live in a borough that is vibrant and full of opportunity, where people enjoy</p>	

	<p>spending time;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The town centres are the beating heart of Doncaster</li> <li>• More people can live in a good quality, affordable home</li> <li>• Healthy and Vibrant Communities through Physical Activity and Sport</li> <li>• Everyone takes responsibility for keeping Doncaster Clean</li> <li>• Building on our cultural, artistic and sporting heritage</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Doncaster Learning:</b> 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"> <li>• Every child has life-changing learning experiences within and beyond school</li> <li>• Many more great teachers work in Doncaster Schools that are good or better</li> <li>• Learning in Doncaster prepares young people for the world of work</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Doncaster Caring:</b> Our vision is for a borough that cares together for its most vulnerable residents;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children have the best start in life</li> <li>• Vulnerable families and individuals have support from someone they trust</li> <li>• Older people can live well and independently in their own homes.</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>Connected Council:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A modern, efficient and flexible workforce</li> <li>• Modern, accessible customer interactions</li> <li>• Operating within our resources and delivering value for money</li> <li>• A co-ordinated, whole person, whole life focus on the needs and aspirations of residents</li> <li>• Building community resilience and self-reliance by connecting community assets and strengths</li> <li>• Working with our partners and residents to provide effective leadership and governance</li> </ul>	

**RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

19. 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: SRF, Date: 25.05.22)**

20. 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 Rules Rule 6a). Specific legal implications and advice will be provided as required on matters brought to the Committee and Panels.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS (MS 06/06/22)**

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

#### **HUMAN RESOURCES (RH 07/06/2022)**

22. There are no specific Human Resource (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 30/05/22)**

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

#### **HEALTH IMPLICATIONS (RS 07/06/2022)**

24. 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 Overview and Scrutiny 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 (CM 02/06/22)**

25. 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**

26. During June 2022, OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2022/23.

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

27. Agenda, guidance and draft work plan produced following Overview and Scrutiny work planning events held during June 2022.

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