

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

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PLAN 2016/2017 UPDATE

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The Committee is asked to receive an update on the Overview and Scrutiny work programme for 2016/17 and receive an update on progress.

EXEMPT REPORT

2. The report is not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

3. The Committee is asked to;
 - a) Review the updated OSMC work programme attached at Appendix A;
 - b) Receive and comment on the correspondence made following its meeting held on the 10th June 2016 in Appendix B and C;
 - c) Receive a verbal update from the Scrutiny Panel Chairs or Vice Chairs on the work of their Panels.

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:
 - Holding decision makers to account
 - Policy development and review
 - Monitoring performance (both financial and non-financial)

- Considering issues of wider public concern.
6. 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.
 7. 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.
 8. The Panels endeavor to deliver a more outcome focused Scrutiny function focusing on delivering evidence based recommendations whilst OSMC focus on effective Scrutiny and performance monitoring and co-ordination of the wider Overview and Scrutiny activities.
 9. 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.
 10. The Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan attached at Appendix A has been updated since the last meeting to reflect changes and progress.

Monitoring the Work Programme

11. 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.

Correspondence with the Executive

12. The Panel is to note the following correspondence;

- a. Place Marketing – Development of the Doncaster Brand

Further to the Panels consideration of the above, a letter outlining the Mayor's response to the Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panels review is attached at Appendix B.

- b. Children with Disabilities

Further to the Panels consideration of the above, a letter outlining the Mayor's response to the Regeneration and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Panels review is attached at Appendix C.

OPTIONS CONSIDERED

13. There are no specific options to consider within this report as it provides an opportunity for the Committee to develop a work plan for 2016/17.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDED OPTION

14. This report provides the committee with an opportunity to develop a work plan for 2016/17.

IMPACT ON THE COUNCIL'S KEY OUTCOMES

15.

| | Outcomes | Implications |
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| | <p>All people in Doncaster benefit from a thriving and resilient economy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Be a strong voice for our veterans</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> | <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 developing policy through robust recommendations, monitoring performance of 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>People live safe, healthy, active and independent lives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> | |
| | <p>People in Doncaster benefit from a high quality built and natural environment.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Creating Jobs and Housing</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Safeguarding our Communities</i> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Bringing down the cost of living</i> | |
| | <p>All families thrive.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Mayoral Priority: Protecting Doncaster's vital services</i> | |
| | <p>Council services are modern and value for money.</p> | |
| | <p>Working with our partners we will provide strong leadership and governance.</p> | |

RISKS AND ASSUMPTIONS

16. To maximise the effectiveness of the Overview and Scrutiny function, it is important that the work plan devised 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. Ensuring the work plan is developed with a key set of principles in mind e.g. holding to account, undertaking policy review and development and is focused

strategically will help support the development of a robust work programme. 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 be reviewed at each ordinary meeting and officers will advise on the capacity available to undertake any additional work. This will provide an opportunity to ensure work plans can be regularly monitored and reviewed.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

17. 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 references Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee will determine its own Work Programme (Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 6a).

Specific legal implications and advice will be given with any reports when Overview and Scrutiny have received them as items for consideration.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

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

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

19. There are no specific human resources issues associated with this report.

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

20. There are no specific technological implications resources issues associated with this report.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

21. There are no specific equality issues associated with this report. Equality issues are considered by Overview and Scrutiny when it considers individual work plan issues.

CONSULTATION



22. During May and June 2016, OSMC and the standing Panels held work planning sessions to identify issues for consideration during 2016/2017.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

23. None

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