

REPORT TO:	Scrutiny & Overview Committee 14 June 2022
SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY & OVERVIEW COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2022-23
PERSON LEADING AT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE MEETING:	Councillor Rowenna Davis – Chair of the Scrutiny & Overview Committee
PUBLIC/EXEMPT:	Public

ORIGIN OF ITEM:	As set out in the Council's Constitution, the Scrutiny and Overview Committee must consider a report on the work programme for Scrutiny at its first meeting on the municipal year.
BRIEF FOR THE COMMITTEE:	The Scrutiny and Overview Committee is asked: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To note the updated procedure rules for Scrutiny as outlined in the new version of the Council's Constitution. 2. To note that a further report on the Work Programme will be brought to the next Committee meeting on 12 July 2022. 3. To agree that community engagement and a focus on outcomes will be priorities in the year ahead. 4. To consider whether the three workstreams identified in the Scrutiny Improvement Plan should continue to act as a guide for the work programme.

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- 1.1. Moving to a mayoral model of governance, has required the Council to produce a new Constitution. For the information of the Committee an extract setting out the updated Scrutiny & Overview Procedure Rules is appended to this report. Section 6 of the Procedure Rules sets out the new process for work programming, which reflects the recommendations made in the [Scrutiny Improvement Programme](#), agreed by the Committee at its meeting on 7 September 2021.
- 1.2. In accordance with paragraph 1.2 (vi) of Part 4E - Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules, in the Council's Constitution, the Committee should agree an initial scrutiny work programme at its first full meeting after the Annual Council meeting. Given the changes to the Council following the Election on 5 May 2022, it has been agreed that further time is needed to allow those Councillors appointed to either the Scrutiny and Overview Committee or one of the three sub-committees to familiarise themselves with the challenges facing the Council. In taking extra time to finalise the work programme it will ensure that extra rigour is added to the process and that Scrutiny is targeted towards the areas where it can add the most benefit.

- 1.3. In between this meeting and the next on 12 July 2022, the three Sub-Committees (Children & Young People Sub-Committee, Health & Social Care Sub-Committee and Streets, Environment & Homes Sub-Committee) will each hold their own meetings. The focus at these meeting will be to receive updates from officers and relevant partners on their priorities for the year ahead and any major challenges or risk. The information gathered at these meeting, along with the information provided by the Executive Mayor elsewhere on this agenda, will be used by the Scrutiny Work Programming Group to draft a provisional work programme for the agreement of the Committee on 12 July.
- 1.4. The Committee is asked to agree the following underlying principles for the development of the work programme: -
1. Community engagement to inform the scrutiny process will be sought where possible and appropriate.
 2. The Scrutiny Work Programme will be focussed on critical matters where it can make a difference, which can be demonstrated through tangible outcomes.
- 1.5. The Scrutiny Improvement Review identified the following three work streams as priorities for Scrutiny: -
- Workstream 1: Corporate recovery
- Workstream 2: Ensuring that scrutiny understands and acts on the impact that strategic risks may have on the delivery of the Renewal Plan
- Workstream 3: Supporting local people and keeping them safe
- The Committee needs to consider whether these workstream are still relevant and should continue to form another underlying principle of its work programming approach.
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Appendices

Appendix 1: Part 4E - Scrutiny and Overview Procedure Rules, in the Council's Constitution