

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 23 MARCH 2017

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17: UPDATE

Summary

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to:
 - Note progress to date on the 2016/17 scrutiny work programme;
 - Consider the issues not completed from the 2016/17 work programme, including those recommended by the Budget Scrutiny Task Group and those suggested at previous meetings of OSPB, and agree which issues it would wish to recommend should be carried forward to the 2017/18 work programme following the County Council elections in May 2017.

Background

2. On 21 April 2016, the OSPB was updated on the development of an overview and scrutiny work programme for 2016/17 following an extensive work programme consultation exercise.
3. The Chairman and Vice Chairman of OSPB met on 26 April to consider feedback provided by OSPB members and agree a final set of topics/issues to be included in the work programme to be put to Council for approval. The overview and scrutiny work programme was then considered and agreed by Council on 12 May 2016.
4. The 2016/17 work programme agreed by Council, including an update on progress against each issue, is attached as Appendix 1.

Development of a 2017/18 Work Programme

5. Members will note that, for various reasons, a number of issues have not been completed. Following the County Council elections in May 2017, Members of the OSPB will be asked to develop a 2017/18 work programme, which will then be considered by full Council.
6. Current Members of the OSPB may wish to offer their view on which issues that have not been completed from 2016/17 should be carried over to the new work programme.

2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group

7. The 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group identified the following initiatives that may help to bridge the £2.9 million forecast financial planning gap:
 - Trading of intellectual assets

- Use of assistive technology
- Sale and leaseback of Council property
- Investment in key worker housing via the Revolving Door Investment Fund
- Sale of small pieces of Council-owned land
- Residents zonal parking schemes and additional car parks
- The Council's role in post-Brexit subsidy mechanisms for rural activities.

8. The Task Group also recommended that Overview and Scrutiny should be supported to look into these areas as a priority following County Council elections in May 2017 in order to identify further potential savings.

Additional Issues

9. Members may also wish to note the following:

- On 12 October 2016, OSPB agreed that the following should be included on the scrutiny work programme following the 2017 elections:
 - Sexual violence and rape
 - Cycleways
 - Winter service policy
- At the Board's meeting on 18 January 2017, following a discussion on equalities and diversity, the following issues were suggested for the 2017/18 work programme:
 - Disability/SEN employment (Adult Care and Well-Being O&S Panel)
 - Rural isolation and access to services
 - Economic and social deprivation and access to services.

Purpose of the Meeting

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Supporting Information

Appendix 1 - 2016/17 scrutiny work programme as agreed by Council, including an update on progress against each issue

Contact Points

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and minutes of the OSPB meetings on 21 April 2016
- Agenda and minutes of Council on 12 May 2016
- [All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.](#)