

COUNCIL 12 SEPTEMBER 2019

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Recommendation

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board recommends that the 2019/20 Scrutiny Work Programme be endorsed.

Summary

2. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board has agreed a suggested 2019/20 Work Programme to be considered by Full Council. The work programme was developed following consultation with all scrutiny Members and is attached as an appendix.

Background

3. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for its Overview and Scrutiny function. The 2019/20 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2018/19, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.

4. The 2018/19 Scrutiny Work Programme was used as a starting point for the development of this year's Work Programme. However, Members were also free to suggest other priorities. The Work Programme was considered by Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members in July in informal meetings and agreed by the OSPB on 24 July.

5. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that Work Programme topics are selected objectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.

Specific Contact Points for this report

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Supporting Information

Appendix - 2019/20 Scrutiny Work Programme

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 for the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board held on 24 July 2019

All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.