

## **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 17 MARCH 2016**

### **SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME CONSULTATION**

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#### **Summary**

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to:
  - (a) review the progress made in delivering the 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny work programme consultation exercise; and
  - (b) decide if any further action is required in preparing the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme report for consideration by OSPB and then Full Council.

#### **Background**

2. The current Scrutiny Work Programme was developed in the spring of 2015. Suggestions for future topics were sought from Members and discussed with Directors and other relevant officers. The resulting proposed Work Programme was considered and agreed by the OSPB on 23 April 2015 and Council on 14 May 2015.
3. At the last meeting of OSPB, it was agreed that a consultation exercise be undertaken to help develop the 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny work programmes.

#### **Developing the 2016/17 Work Programme**

4. Overview and Scrutiny is a Member-led function and it is important that Members are involved in every stage of development of the Work Programme.
5. At the last meeting of OSPB, it was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny work programme report to the 12 May 2016 meeting of County Council and would include the following:
  - a) Items from 2015/16 Work Programme that were not completed or require follow up
  - b) outcomes of the Budget Scrutiny 2015/16 process
  - c) views of Non-Executive Members
  - d) views of Overview and Scrutiny Panels
  - e) views of the Executive
  - f) views of officers
  - g) views of stakeholders and partners
  - h) views of the public.

#### **2016/17 Consultation Exercise**

6. The following work programme consultation is planned/underway:

### Councillors

- Email sent out to all Non-Executive Councillors on 4 March 2016, responses requested by 18 March 2016
- Note put in the Members Newsletter
- Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussion 10 March 2016
- Adult Care and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel discussion 16 March 2016
- Children and Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel discussion 17 March 2016
- Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel discussion 21 March 2016
- Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel discussion 23 March 2016

### Partners

- Scrutiny to contact Health Partners, Police, Fire and District Council Scrutiny week commencing 14 March 2016
- Online suggestion Project to include business and Voluntary and Community Sectors (Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny Manager to update OSPB at meeting on progress made)
- Parish Councils to be emailed request for topic suggestions (Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny Manager to update OSPB at meeting on progress made)

### County Council Officers

- Chairman of OSPB to seek views of Strategic Leadership Team through the Chief Executive, date of meeting to be arranged
- Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny Manager to consult County Councils Wider Leadership Team on 22 March 2016
- Online suggestion Project to include Worcestershire County Council Staff

### Public

- Online suggestion Project to include public (Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny Manager to update OSPB at meeting on progress made)
- Media and Press work to draw attention to consultation exercise and how the Public can submit their views (Democratic, Governance and Scrutiny Manager to update OSPB at meeting on progress made)

### Proposed Work Programme Report

7. At the April 2016 meeting OSPB will receive a report that details the responses from the consultation exercises listed above, in addition that report will also outline:
  - Items from 2015/16 Work Programme that were not completed or require follow up
  - outcomes of the Budget Scrutiny 2015/16 process
8. OSPB will then consider the content of that report, taking into account documents such as the Council Forward Plan, in determining what it would like to recommend for consideration by the Full Council for inclusion in the work programmes for 2016/17.

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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 held throughout 2015/16
- Agenda and minutes of Council meeting held on 14 May 2015
- [All agendas and minutes are available on the Council's website here.](#)