

ECONOMY AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 19 JULY 2021

WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

Summary

1. From time to time the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel will review its work programme and consider which issues should be investigated as a priority.

Background

2. Worcestershire County Council has a rolling annual Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny. The suggested 2021/22 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2020/21, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Panel Members and the findings of the budget scrutiny process.
3. Suggested issues have been prioritised using scrutiny feasibility criteria in order to ensure that topics are selected subjectively and the 'added value' of a review is considered right from the beginning.
4. The Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Economy
 - Environment
 - Highways
 - Infrastructure
5. The overall scrutiny work programme will be discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 21 July 2021 and agreed by Council on 9 September 2021.

Member Handbook

6. The Directorate of Economy and Infrastructure has produced a Member Handbook and all Councillors have been sent a link to the document. If Members have any questions about the content of the Handbook there will be an opportunity to raise them at the meeting.

Dates of 2021 Meetings

- 28 September at 2pm
- 9 November at 2pm

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The Panel is asked to:
 - Consider the 2020/21 Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1) and agree whether it would like to make any amendments in preparation for the OSPB's review of the overall scrutiny work programme on 21 July 2021.
 - Retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

- Appendix 1 – Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2020/21

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Assistant Director for Legal and Governance), the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- [Agenda and Minutes of Council on 10 September 2020](#)
- [Agenda and Minutes of OSPB on 22 July 2020](#)