

# CORPORATE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL 17 MARCH 2022

## WORK PROGRAMME 2021/22

#### Summary

1. From time to time the Corporate and Communities 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 Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:

- Commissioning, contracts and commerce and ensuring the corporate commissioning cycle works well
- Transformation
- Finance
- Localism and Communities
- Organisation and employees

5. The current Work Programme was discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 21 July 2021 and agreed by Council on 9 September 2021.

#### **Dates of Future 2022 Meetings**

- 23 May at 2pm
- 6 July at 2pm
- 21 September at 10am
- 14 November at 2pm

## **Purpose of the Meeting**

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
- Retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

### **Supporting Information**

Appendix 1 – Corporate and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2021/22

#### **Contact Points**

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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 OSPB on 21 July 2021
- Agenda and minutes of Council on 9 September 2021