

ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL29 JULY 2022

WORK PROGRAMME

Summary

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

Background

- 2. At its meeting on 19 May 2002, Council agreed a change to the overview and scrutiny arrangements to split the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel into two separate panels ie the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel and the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel. The change was made because of the emphasis in the Corporate Plan on the environment as well as the economy and will allow each of the Corporate Plan priorities to have at least one panel focused on its work.
- 3. The new Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Economy
 - Workforce skills
 - Strategic Infrastructure
 - Broadband and communications
- 4. The existing Work Programme of the Economy and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel has therefore been split between the two new Panels and the views of the new Panel Members, relevant Cabinet Members and Officers has been sought.
- 5. The Work Programme, which is part of the Council's rolling Annual Work Programme (attached at Appendix 1) was discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 29 June 2022 and will be agreed by Council on 14 July 2022.

Dates of 2022 Meetings

- September (date to be confirmed)
- November (date to be confirmed)

Purpose of the Meeting

The Panel is asked to consider the 2022/23 Work Programme and agree whether it would like to make any amendments. The Panel will wish to retain the flexibility to take into account any urgent issues which may arise.

Supporting Information

• Appendix 1 – Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2022/23

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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 for Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board 29th June 2022

Agenda for Council on 14th July 2022.