

ECONOMY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

16 JANUARY 2024

WORK PROGRAMME

Summary

1. From time to time the Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel (the 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 2023/24 Work Programme has been developed by taking into account issues still to be completed from 2022/23, the views of Overview and Scrutiny Members and other stakeholders 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 Overview and Scrutiny Panel is responsible for scrutiny of:
 - Economy
 - Workforce Skills
 - Strategic Infrastructure
 - Broadband and Communications
5. The scrutiny work programme was discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) on 28 April and agreed by Council on 18 May 2023.

Dates of 2024 Meetings

6. The dates of the meetings for 2024 are:
 - 16 January
 - 25 March
 - 5 June
 - 15 July
 - 3 October
 - 20 November

Purpose of the Meeting

7. The Panel is asked to consider the 2023/24 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 2023/24

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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 on 28 April 2023](#)

[Agenda for Council on 18 May 2023](#)

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