

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2018-19

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Service: Law & Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of the report is to inform the Committee to its work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note the work programme for 2018/19.

3. Details

Background

- 3.1 The process of establishing the 2018/19 overview and scrutiny work programme began with an article being placed on the Authority web site and communication platforms on 22 March 2018 inviting members of the public to raise issues that they thought would be suitable for scrutiny to investigate.
- 3.2 The Senior Leadership Team are also looking to identify key policy areas for scrutiny to focus on and will be discussed with Chairs/Deputies of scrutiny sub committees, Cabinet Members and relevant officer leads in the coming month.
- 3.3 As has been practice in previous years, it is recommended that sub-groups (of around 4/5 members) be established to carry out the topics that have been selected for in-depth investigation. The sub-groups operate in a more informal way and can consult with a wide range of witnesses in various settings, often over a shorter period of time. When dealing with a specific topic, this focused way of working is often more productive than trying to achieve the same in a formal committee setting.
- 3.4 Whilst more than one topic can be prioritised across the municipal year, only one sub-group should be established at any one time due to resourcing constraints.

- Capita Partnership ongoing

The purpose of this study was to understand and review how the contract with the Authority partner Capita has operated since its inception. A sub-group was established

last year and several meetings took place. The findings from this review should be available for presentation to the committee at its 17 July 2018 meeting.

Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee are requested to note the agreed approach is that no further in-depth work should be carried out until already agreed work are completed.

- 3,5 Notwithstanding, following the scrutiny of the 2018/19 Budget proposals in December 2017/January 2018.

It was recommended that following the decision to implement the 2018/19 Council Budget, a review be undertaken to investigate and determine what information should be supplied to enable good comprehensive scrutiny of future Council Budgets and therefore reduce delays to the budget process.

Cabinet agreed that it would work with Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee to consider actions to reduce delays to the budget process.

The views and actions raised by the Budget sub group have been submitted for consideration.

4. In addition to undertaking in-depth studies into priority policy areas, Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee will consider the following items of business throughout the year:

- Our North Tyneside bi-annual performance reports
- Creating a Brighter Future quarterly updates on the delivery of the Programme
- Mayor's Annual Report setting out the Cabinet's priorities for the coming year
- Plans/strategies that fall within the Budget and Policy Framework
- Approval of reports from sub-committees/study groups
- Overview, Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee - Annual report

5. Appendices (if any)

None