

Meeting: Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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Title: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019-20

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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 2019/20 municipal year.

2. Recommendations

The Committee is recommended to note the report on the work programme for 2019/20.

3. Details

Background

- 3.1 As part of the process for establishing the 2019-20 Overview and Scrutiny work programme. As in previous years, the focus of overview and scrutiny will be on contributing to policy development.
- 3.2 Members of the Committee are invited to put any suggestions forward.
- 3.3 The Senior Officers are also looking to identify key policy areas for scrutiny to focus on and any will be discussed with the Chair/Deputy, Cabinet Members and relevant officer leads in the coming month.
- 3.4 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 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.

- In-depth review 2019

It has been the view of the Committee that it carries out reviews of the service delivering partnerships to the Authority and the Committee is reminded that it has already completed reviews of the partnerships with Kier and Capita.

The purposes of these studies have been to look, understand and review how the partnerships with the Authority have operated since their inception.

It is the intention that a review of partnerships should continue and include the partnership with Engie under the same basis and arrangements will be made to establish a sub-group to undertake this work.

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

- 3.5 With regards to the scrutiny of the 2019/20 Budget proposals that took place December 2018/January 2019.

Arrangements are ongoing to plan for the programming of the Budget Scrutiny in line with the process undertaken in recent years. Again in line with recent practice an invitation to take part in this scrutiny will be offered to all non- executive Members.

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.
- 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