

# COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

28 JUNE 2021

## REPORT OF THE HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES & ELECTIONS

### A.1 REVIEW OF THE YEARS 2019-2021 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2021/22 FOR THE COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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#### **PURPOSE OF THE REPORT**

To review the Committee's work undertaken during the years 2019/20 and 2020/21 and to seek the Committee's approval to its draft programme of work for the 2021/22 municipal year for recommendation to the Council meeting on 13 July 2021.

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee is one of two overview and scrutiny committees established by the Council to specifically focus on the following areas of Council work (as detailed in Article 6.02(i) of the Council's Constitution):

*"To perform the role of Overview and Scrutiny and its functions in relation to:*

- *Community Leadership developing the external focus of overview and scrutiny on "district-wide" issues (and where appropriate sub-regional, regional and national issues), in particular, through collaborative work with local partner authorities, providers, stakeholders and members of the public.*
- *Approval of discrete researched and evidenced reviews on the effectiveness of partnership operating in the area with particular focus on:*
  - *Community Safety*
  - *Health and Well-being*
  - *Economy, Skills and Educational Attainment*
- *Community engagement, development and empowerment*
- *Leisure and Tourism (except matters relating to budgets)*
- *Housing strategy and Homeless Service (except the Housing Revenue Account)*
- *Emergency Planning"*

The Constitution provides for the two overview and scrutiny committees to submit a work programme to full Council for approval. Rule 7 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules sets out the position as follows:

*"Each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will submit a work programme for the year ahead and a review of the previous year's activities to the full Council for approval. In addition it will be responsible for co-ordinating and prioritising its work programme on an ongoing basis.*

*In preparing, co-ordinating and prioritising its programme, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will take into account:-*

- *The General Role and Principles of undertaking its functions, as set out in Part 2 Article 6;*
- *The planned work on the preparation of elements of the Budget and Policy Framework, as set out in the Council's Business Plan;*
- *The need for statutory timetables to be met;*
- *The wishes of all members of the committee;*
- *Requests from the Cabinet to carry out reviews; and*
- *Requests from Group Leaders in accordance with Rule 8."*

## **WORK CARRIED OUT TO DATE**

### **Review of the Years 2019 - 2021**

The review of the work undertaken by the Committee during the period 2019 to 2021 is attached as **Appendix A**.

### **Proposed Work Programme**

The proposed Work Programme for the 2021/22 Municipal Year is attached as **Appendix B** to this report. The Committee is invited, if so minded, to submit further items at this stage to be forwarded as part of the report to Council.

The work programme attached was developed by the Members of this Committee in an informal meeting/workshop on 9 April 2021. The proposals from that informal meeting/workshop were then discussed with the Chairmen of this Committee and the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee to ensure proposals from the Members of both Committee could be appropriately allocated between the two Committees in accordance with their respective terms of reference. This in turn was then submitted to the Officer Management Team (and then Senior Managers throughout the Council) and to the Members of the Cabinet. The aim of this consultation was to satisfy the intentions of the Executive-Overview and Scrutiny Protocol adopted into the Constitution at the Council meeting on 16 March 2021 (Minute 104 refers).

Arising from the above, certain proposals have been received and are submitted to the Committee for consideration together with additional detail that the Committee is invited to consider. These are identified with tracked changes in Appendix B. Any further submissions from the consultation will be reported orally to the meeting.

The Committee is further invited to identify the relevant enquiries to be allocated to its meetings as currently programmed:

19 July  
27 September  
8 November  
13 December  
31 January

14 March

(9 May– provisional as after Annual Council on 26 April)

If the proposals for joint Panels with the Resources and Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee are accepted, terms of reference for the Panels will be drafted and submitted to the next ordinary meeting of the Committee for consideration.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (a) that the report on the review of the years 2019 – 2021 as detailed in Appendix A be noted;**
- (b) that the Committee agrees the draft 2021/22 Work Programme for the Community Leadership Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as set out in Appendix B, for submission to Full Council; and**
- (c) that the Committee considers whether it has any further items it wishes to include at this time within the aforementioned 2021/22 Work Programme.**

#### **BACKGROUND PAPERS FOR THE DECISION**

There are none.

#### **APPENDICES**

Appendix A – Review of the work carried out in 2019 - 2021  
Appendix B – Proposed Work Programme for 2021/2022