

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	6 April 2021
Subject:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2021/22
Report of:	Head of Corporate Services
Corporate Lead:	Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Lead Member for Organisational Development
Number of Appendices:	One

Executive Summary:

The work programme detailed in Appendix 1 provides the core work activities of the Committee. The programme is a combination of standing agenda items such as performance management information, complaints, policy and strategy updates and new areas of review that have emerged and have been built into the programme. The programme remains flexible, allowing other emerging areas to be included during the course of the year.

Recommendation:

To APPROVE the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22.

Reasons for Recommendation:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee must deliver the work required of it as set out in the Council's Constitution. This must be set within the context of the Council's priority areas and the resources available to undertake the review.

Resource Implications:

None directly arising from this report.

Legal Implications:

None directly arising from this report.

Risk Management Implications:

Effective Overview and Scrutiny supports delivery of the Council's vision, values and priorities.

Performance Management Follow-up:

The work programme is a standing item on the agenda of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Environmental Implications:

None directly arising from this report though an annual report on the Council's climate change action plan is reported to Committee.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1** The work programme detailed in Appendix 1 provides the core work activities of the Committee for 2020/21. The programme as it stands is a combination of standing agenda items such as performance management information, complaints, six monthly policy and strategy updates and new areas of review that have emerged and have been built into the programme.

2.0 2021/22 WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1** Some of the Committee's work cannot be planned, for example, any new areas of review that may emerge during the year; referral of issues from Council; call-in of decisions etc. The programme is therefore based upon what is known at this point in time but remains flexible, to allow changes to be made where appropriate.
- 2.2** Another area that traditionally generates additional work activity for the Committee is presentational reviews. The most common source for these types of presentations is when the Committee reviews the performance management information and asks for further, specific information on a Council Plan activity. Presentations are also often made by one of the Council's key partners, as they contribute to the delivery of the Council's priorities.

- 2.3** Items of interest within the work programme and for committee to note include:

- Local Government Association Peer Challenge action plan (moved from pending).
- Climate Change Strategy Annual Update (first annual update).
- Lessons learned from response to Covid-19 (moved from pending).
- Active Gloucestershire 'We Can Move' project (added to pending).
- Severn Trent Water Authority presentation (moved from pending).

There are also a number of pending items in the programme which will be brought to fruition during the year.

3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 3.1** None.

4.0 CONSULTATION

- 4.1** None.

5.0 RELEVANT COUNCIL POLICIES/STRATEGIES

- 5.1** Council Plan 2020-24.

Covid-19 Corporate Recovery Plan.

Economic Development and Tourism Strategy.

Communications Strategy.

Housing Strategy.
Safeguarding Policy.
Customer Care Strategy.
Complaints Policy.

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

6.1 None.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

7.1 None directly linked to this report.

8.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS (Social/Community Safety/Cultural/ Economic/ Environment)

8.1 The Committee will consider these implications when undertaking reviews and in making its recommendations.

9.0 IMPACT UPON (Value For Money/Equalities/E-Government/Human Rights/Health And Safety)

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10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10.1 None.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices: 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22.