

TEWKESBURY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee
Date of Meeting:	7 June 2022
Subject:	Potential Presentations from External Organisations
Report of:	Head of Corporate Services
Corporate Lead:	Chief Executive
Lead Member:	Lead Member for Organisational Development
Number of Appendices:	1

Executive Summary:

A session held with Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed ways in which the Committee could add value to the Council's scrutiny process. This touched upon the Committee's Work Programme and, in particular, presentations from external organisations. Over the years, various organisations have been invited to attend Committee and Members were keen for this to continue; however, it was recognised that any presentation must have a purpose rather than be just for information purposes. It was agreed that a list of key organisations which may contribute to this added value be brought forward for discussion. Whilst it is not an exhaustive list, it is based upon those organisations which support delivery of the Council's priorities.

Recommendation:

To CONSIDER those external organisations that contribute to the Council's priorities and potentially could be added to the Committee's Work Programme.

Reasons for Recommendation:

Action arising from a session held with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members.

Resource Implications:

None arising directly from this report.

Legal Implications:

None arising directly 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 Committee's Work Programme is continually monitored to ensure emerging issues are considered.

Environmental Implications:

None arising directly from this report.

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

1.1 A session held with Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee discussed ways in which the Committee could add value to the Council's scrutiny process. This touched upon the Committee's Work Programme and, in particular, presentations from external organisations. Over the years, various organisations have been invited to attend Committee and Members were keen for that to continue; however, it was recognised that any presentation must have a purpose rather than be just for information purposes. It was agreed that a list of key organisations which may contribute to this added value be brought forward for discussion and this is attached at Appendix 1. Whilst it is not an exhaustive list, it is based upon those organisations which support delivery of the Council's priorities.

2.0 EXTERNAL ORGANISATIONS

2.1 As stated, the list is not exhaustive. It does not include those organisations that have recently presented to the Committee, for example: Police and Bromford Housing. At the session held with Members, there was also consensus that annual presentations WHICH had been scheduled within the Committee's Work Programme from Citizen's Advice Bureau and the Growth Hub could be removed. This was on the basis that Members were satisfied with performance and the positive outcomes generated to the general community and the business community. The list also excludes 'Active Gloucestershire' which contributes to the health and wellbeing of the borough, as this is already scheduled in the Committee's Work Programme.

2.2 In terms of those included within Appendix 1, prior to any invitation, a formal scope of the presentation should be agreed so it is clear what the objective and outcomes should be. Consideration should also be given to the wider Work Programme to ensure Agenda do not become overloaded.

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

6.0 RELEVANT GOVERNMENT POLICIES

6.1 None directly related to this report.

7.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (Human/Property)

7.1 None directly related to this report.

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

8.1 None directly related to this report.

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

9.1 None directly related to this report.

10.0 RELATED DECISIONS AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT FACTS

10.1 Action arising from an informal session held with O&S members on how the committee can add value to the scrutiny process.

Background Papers: None

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Appendices: Appendix 1 – Key external organisations