

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee/Panel:	Policy & Resources Select Committee
Date:	22 June 2017
Title:	Work Programme
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1. Summary

1.1. The purpose of this item is to provide the work programme of future topics to be considered by this Select Committee.

2. Recommendation

That the Policy & Resources Select Committee approve the attached work programme.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equality Duty

1.1. The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited under the Act;
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- a) The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant characteristic connected to that characteristic;
- b) Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- c) Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

1.2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.3. This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1. This is a forward plan of topics under consideration by the Select Committee, therefore this section is not applicable to this work report. The Committee will request appropriate impact assessments to be undertaken should this be relevant for any topic that the Committee is reviewing.

3. Climate Change:

a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

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b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

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WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY & RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	22 June 2017	22 Sept 2017	23 Nov 2017	22 Jan 2018
Overview/Pre-Scrutiny - <i>To maintain an overview of Policy and Resources issues, and to consider proposed scrutiny topics for inclusion in the work programme.</i>							
Pre-scrutiny	Revenue and Capital Budget	To pre scrutinise the budget proposals for the Policy & Resources portfolio, prior to approval by the Executive Member.	Budget considered annually in January. (in recent years this committee has also received the budget setting item at the January meeting for additional context)				✓
Overview	Performance	To monitor how performance is managed corporately, and consider the performance information to support identification of areas to focus scrutiny.	Members requested to consider the performance report annually. Last received July 2016, next update expected summer 2017.	✓			
Overview	Priority setting	To comment on the strategic plan for the County Council.	‘Shaping Hampshire’ strategic plan runs to 2017. To receive an item on development of the next strategic plan.	✓			

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Overview	IT developments and issues (including Digital Strategy)	Monitoring contribution of IT to change programmes, major projects (e.g. rural broadband) and policy issues in relation to underpinning council services (e.g. disaster recovery plans)	Update has been considered annually. Last update received Jan 2017, next update due Jan 2018.				✓
Pre-scrutiny	Grants to Voluntary Sector Infrastructure Organisations	The approach to grant funding voluntary sector organisations has been reviewed.	HALC presentation received April 2016, rec to Exec Member P&R regarding refresh of partnership agreement and review of grant for 17/18. Update awaited				

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Overview	Budget Monitoring	<p>(a) Final Accounts considered at summer meeting, to see how the budget was managed for the year compared to plan.</p> <p>(b) Medium Term Financial Strategy – considered when appropriate to provide longer term financial context.</p> <p>(c) Planning for the 2019/20 budget gap</p>	<p>(a) Last considered July 2016</p> <p>(b) MTFS last considered July 2016.</p> <p>(c) 'transformation to 2019' update due June 2017.</p>	<p>✓ (a)</p> <p>✓ (c)</p>		<p>(b) ✓ tbc</p>	

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Scrutiny Review - <i>to scrutinise, in-depth, priority areas agreed by the Committee</i>							
None at this time							
Real-time Scrutiny - <i>to scrutinise light-touch items agreed by the Committee, through working groups or items at formal meetings.</i>							
Consultation Policy	Whether improvements could be made to how the County Council engages with the public.	Members were aware of examples of consultations that had not been well received by the public, and wanted to review corporate guidance on consultations.	Working group reported to July 2014 meeting and recommended to Cabinet. Cabinet agreed new policy Feb 2015. Review of implementation April 2016. To retain for future update, timing tbc				

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Crime & Disorder	Duty to review, scrutinise, and report on the decisions made, and actions taken by 'responsible authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act.	This duty passed from the Safe & Healthy People Select Committee to this committee in May 2014	Introductory item on crime and disorder received at Oct 2014 meeting. Update on crime & disorder work (domestic abuse focus) received at Nov 2015 meeting. Update (with Prevent focus) Nov 2016 and short introduction from PCC. Next item due Nov 2017 – PCC requested for longer slot, briefing note to be circulated confirming crime & disorder remit, and report to cover fewer topics in greater detail.			✓	
Monitoring Scrutiny Outcomes - to examine responses to the Committee's reports or comments and check on subsequent progress.							
Collation of Annual Report of Select Committee activity	To support oversight of the scrutiny function, and the role of this committee to ensure scrutiny activity is having impact and being evaluated.	The constitution requires that this committee report to full Council annually providing a summary of the activity of the select committees	In recent years this has been prepared by financial year. Report for 2016/17 to be agreed with the Chairman prior to July 2017 full Council.				