

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Policy and Resources Select Committee
Date:	24 September 2019
Title:	Work Programme
Report From:	Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

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Purpose of the Report

1. To review and agree the Work Programme for the Policy and Resources Select Committee.

Recommendation

2. It is recommended that the Committee consider the forthcoming work programme, suggest any items for inclusion and agree amendments accordingly.

REQUIRED CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

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.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

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 by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

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

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

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This is a scrutiny review document setting out the work programme of the Committee. It does not therefore make any proposals which will impact on groups with protected characteristics.

WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY & RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	24 Sept 2019	14 Nov 2019	17 Jan 2020	5 March 2020
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) In 2019 due to also scrutinise Transformation to 2021 savings proposals at Sept 2019 meeting.	✓		✓	
Overview Items	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 June 2018, next update expected summer 2019. Mid-year update due Jan 2020.			✓	

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Overview Items	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 2019, next update due Jan 2020.			✓	
	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 June 2019</p> <p>(b) MTFS last considered June 2018.</p> <p>(c) ‘transformation to 2019’ update last received April 2018.</p>				

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	Local Enterprise Partnerships	Requested by Chairman summer 2018	Introductory presentation Nov 2018, to retain for further scrutiny. To invite chief executive and chairman of both LEPs to March 2019 meeting. Update in Nov 2019.		✓		
	Hampshire 2050 Commission	Requested by Chairman Spring 2018.	Update received June 2019. Retain for future update.				
Overview Items	Broadband - Issues raised regarding Openreach working with rural communities to implement broadband schemes	When considered at its meeting in January 2019 - agreed to review in 6 months' time.	Committee agreed to receive an update in 6 months' time.	✓			

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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	<p>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. Supporting Troubled Families focus Nov 2017. Child Exploitation focus Nov 2018.</p> <p>Request update on work of county strategy group (annual update due Nov 2019)</p>		✓		
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 18/19 approved at June meeting, submitted to July 2019 Council				

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Statutory guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in local and combined authorities	To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer	update the Committee on the guidance recently published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government regarding overview and scrutiny (O&S) in local and combined authorities.		✓			