

**AGENDA ITEM**

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE  
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**21 NOVEMBER 2017**

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18 – WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE**

**SUMMARY**

The report provides an update on the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18 and considers how a review of Community Participation Budgets can be accommodated within the current year's work programme.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

Executive Scrutiny Committee are invited to comment.

**WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

1. At the last meeting of the Committee, Members reviewed the current year's work programme (summarised below, with in year referrals in bold) and asked for a further report on how best to accommodate a review of Community Participation Budgets within the current year's work programme.

<b>Select Committee</b>	<b>Review Topic</b>	<b>Reporting to Cabinet</b>
Adult Services and Health	Defibrillators	November 2017
	Gambling	TBC
Children and Young People	SEND	November 2017
	Educational Role of the Council	April 2018 TBC
Crime and Disorder	Membership of Local Govt. Bodies (carried forward from 2016-17)	October 2017
	Security in Preston Park	March 2018
	CCTV	TBC
People	Sickness Absence	December 2017
	Mental Health and Wellbeing (carried forward from 2016-17)	April 2018
	Digital Optimisation	TBC

Place	Asylum Seekers (carried forward from 2016-17)	November 2017
	<b>Fire Safety of High Rise Residential Buildings Task and Finish</b>	<b>July 2017</b>
	<b>Billingham Event Infrastructure/ BIFF</b>	<b>February 2018</b>
	Management of Memorials	(Scope to be considered by Select Committee in Dec 2017)
	Disabled Parking (Task and Finish Review)	(Evidence session proposed for January 2018)
	Food Hygiene (Task and Finish Review)	TBC
	Consolidation of Thirteen Group	TBC

2. The issue of Community Participation Budgets was raised at Scrutiny Liaison Forum where it was recognised that there may need to be a review of the operation of Community Participation Budgets, subject to Council's Budgetary decisions. Links to CCTV were also noted that that meeting.

3. Given the volume of work in the current programme, it is suggested that a "reporting in" review, led by the Director of Economic Growth and Development, reports to the December meeting of the People Select Committee on the operation of CPBs and future options for Member challenge and discussion.

#### **FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

4. No financial or legal implications arising from this report.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

5. There is a need to meet legislative requirements and for the Council to put in place internal mechanisms to ensure the safety and quality of key services in addition to deploying resources in the most effective way. The selection of appropriate topics for review can help to support service improvement; the selection of inappropriate topics will lead to the waste of officer and Member time and resources.

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Background Papers: None  
Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not Ward Specific  
Property Implications: None