

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO EXECUTIVE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

19 FEBRUARY 2019

**REPORT OF THE DEPUTY
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

**SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20 – SELECTION OF IN DEPTH SCRUTINY
REVIEWS**

SUMMARY

The report presents proposals for the Scrutiny Work Programme for 2019/20.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To identify first review topic for each Select Committee with a view to revisiting the full work programme in the new municipal year.

WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

1. The current programme (including in-year referrals) is summarised below and all reviews have or will report to Cabinet by February.

Select Committee	In-Depth Review Topics	Other Items
Adult Social Care and Health	Gambling Homelessness in Vulnerable Groups Water Safety Food Hygiene	Six Monthly Monitoring Consideration of NHS Service Changes (as and when required) Annual Overview Meeting Quality and Performance Reports (including health) Frontline visits (Members also involved in Joint Scrutiny arrangements)
Children and Young People	Inclusion in Schools Child's Journey Care Leavers (officer-led reporting-in review) Children in Need (officer-led reporting-in review)	Six Monthly Monitoring Annual Overview Meeting Quality and Performance Reports Frontline visits

Crime and Disorder	CCTV Hate Crime Setting the Bar – (officer-led reporting-in review)	Six Monthly Monitoring Annual Overview Meeting Performance Reports
People	Mental Health and Wellbeing (including suicide and self-harm) Digital Optimisation Under-representation of BME Communities in the SBC Workforce	Six Monthly Monitoring Annual Overview Meeting Performance Reports
Place	Management of Memorials Consolidation of Thirteen Housing Group Parking on Grass Verges Bring (Recycling) Sites River Based Economy - update at a one off meeting	Six Monthly Monitoring Annual Overview Meeting Performance Reports

SUGGESTED TOPICS FOR 2019/20

PICK System

2. Councillors and officers were invited to submit initial topic suggestions for the scrutiny work programme for 2019/20. **Suggestions have been prioritised ahead of the local elections with a view to Executive Scrutiny Committee agreeing the first topic for each Select Committee in 2019/20. Following the May elections, Executive Scrutiny Committee will be asked to review the full work programme for the remainder of the year.**
3. The process for work programme setting places emphasis on efficiency and review outcomes focusing on reducing demand for services. In inviting topic suggestions, Members are also reminded that the scrutiny work programme should support the Council's policy principles.
4. The PICK system allocates a score to each suggestion to help with prioritisation of topics. It should be stressed that the score is a tool to aid prioritisation and **is not binding in any way.**
5. All of the appropriate suggestions received are summarised in the schedule set out in **Appendix 1** and given a PICK score.
6. In addition the following review topics have been received from North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust:
 - 'Prevention (Local Authority contract/provision) which is a system wide issue for the future and will have a major impact on health and reliance on acute and social care;
 - Population health to improve key public health targets for the population served;

- Changes in services with the metric of ensuring an improvement in access, quality and care as close to home as possible’.

and the following topic suggestions have been received from NHS Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees CCG:

- Smoking – tobacco control, early intervention/prevention and service delivery (as that would cover a wider cross cutting issue and is in line with the HWBS)
- Alcohol & Drugs - this is a service currently being reviewed and re-procured and an independent review may identify interdependencies and gaps to enable a more joined up commissioning approach
- Sexual Health Services - due to the rising incidence – also cross cutting recognising the investment in prevention reduces future healthcare costs and where we can work better together in responding to need and gaps

Further details are awaited in respect of the above topic suggestions and it is suggested that these are reviewed again following the local elections. Some of the topic may benefit from wider scrutiny by the various Joint Health Scrutiny Committees that are in place locally.

7. **Appendix 2** sets out how reviews could potentially be allocated to Select Committees. Each suggestion is cross referenced with supporting information, and all suggestions received are outlined at **Appendix 3**. (An explanation of the PICK scoring method is attached at **Appendix 4**).

COMMENTS FROM SCRUTINY LIAISON FORUM

8. Scrutiny Liaison Forum met on 7 February 2019 to discuss the priorities and recommend the following first topics for the Select Committee scrutiny in 2019/20:
 - Care Home for Older People (Adult Social Care & Health Select Committee)
 - Careers Provision (Children & Young People Select Committee)
 - Roadside Advertising (Crime & Disorder Select Committee)
 - Local Council Tax Support Scheme (People Select Committee)
 - Area Transport Strategy (Place Select Committee)

OTHER SCRUTINY WORK

Overview and Monitoring

9. Recognising the overview role of the scrutiny function, annual overview meetings were established to provide Members with an overview of all the services reporting to the various Select Committees. The overview role includes holding to account Cabinet Members and Senior Officers on their performance and understanding the challenges and issues arising ahead of the next year’s programme. In addition, Select Committees receive progress reports in respect of the reviews which have concluded.

Quality and Safety

10. Select Committees have received additional information in response to high profile cases in the media relating to the quality and safety of health, children’s and social care services and the increased expectation on Councils to put in place internal mechanisms to undertake rigorous internal review and challenge. Children and Young People Select Committee receive regular performance reports in respect of children’s services. Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee also receive performance reports on adult

social care issues and a range of other reports and updates are provided as part of the enhanced performance management arrangements. These include Annual Reports from the Council, Trusts and CQC, NHS Local Accounts; CQC Inspection Reports; Healthwatch Enter and View Reports etc. Member site visits to frontline services take place on a rolling programme. Previous Ofsted Inspection reports have recognised the work of Children and Young People Select Committee and, in particular, the work to scrutinise frontline practice.

Health

11. Adult Social Care and Health Select Committee continues to be responsible for receiving statutory and non-statutory health consultations / updates on service changes. It is therefore important to build in a degree of capacity within the programme to deal with other emerging issues. During 2018-19, changes to NHS services have been also been discussed at ASCH Committee including Birchtree Practice, and merger of a dental practice.
12. Proposals may also be considered under statutory joint committee arrangements. The STP Joint Scrutiny Committee continues to meet in advance of confirmation of next steps from the NHS leadership of the regional Integrated Care System (ICS) but it has been suggested that proposals will be brought forward for consultation during first half of 2019 regarding hospital service reconfiguration under the ICS.
13. The standing Regional Health Committee has this year been chaired by South Tyneside and considers the work of the NE Ambulance Service. In 2018-19, it has also looked at the performance of NHS interpretation and translation services for the region.
14. The Tees Valley Joint Health Scrutiny Committee continues to meet quarterly to scrutinise issues and NHS services which are provided across the Tees Valley sub region. Local Directors of Public Health will be invited to provide suggestions for the forthcoming year. Stockton has hosted and chaired the Tees Valley Committee during 2018-19 under the rotational arrangements. Members have conducted a Task and Finish review of the impact of the remedial works at Roseberry Park hospital on service delivery.

Crime and Disorder

15. Crime and Disorder Select Committee is the designated statutory scrutiny committee to cover crime and disorder issues as legislatively required including an annual update on crime and disorder as a minimum. In 2018/19, the Committee examined CCTV provision and carried out an extensive scrutiny review of Hate Crime.

Police and Crime Panel

16. In addition to the standing items on the main panel meetings which discharge the Panel's statutory function to hold the Police and Crime Commissioner to account, the Police and Crime Panel has undertaken several task and finish reviews. This work is supported from the Council's Scrutiny Team. In depth task and finish reviews conducted in 2018/19 topics has included:
 - Off Road Motorcycling
 - Overall Budget Strategy

NEXT STEPS

25 June Executive Scrutiny Committee – Review of full programme for the year

CONSULTATION

17. Councillors, officers and key partners have been asked to propose topics for the scrutiny work programme.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

18. The work programme is resourced within existing budgets. No legal implications are identified at this stage.

RISK ASSESSMENT

19. 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

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Ref Number	Suggested Topic	Public Interest	Impact	Council Efficiency & Performance	Keep in Context	Priority	Outcome	Total	Comments
1	Care Homes for Older People	3	2	2	2	2	3	14	
2	Careers Provision	2	2	1	3	2	3	13	
3	Roadside Advertising	2	2	2	3	2	2	13	
4	Tees Credit Union	2	2	1	3	2	2	12	
5	One Call	2	3	1	2	2	2	12	
6	Area Transport Strategy	2	2	1	3	2	2	12	
7	Business Engagement	2	2	1	3	2	2	12	
8	Hospital Discharge	2	2	1	2	1	3	11	
9	Action Fraud	3	2	0	3	1	2	11	
10	Domestic Abuse (where children part of family)	2	3	1	2	1	2	11	
11	Contaminated Land	2	2	1	2	1	3	11	
12	Fly-Grazed Horses	2	1	2	2	1	3	11	

13	Local Council Tax Support Scheme	2	1	1	3	2	2	11	
14	Bereavement Fees – Child Burial	3	2	1	2	1	2	11	
15	School Uniforms	3	1	0	3	1	2	10	
16	Public Consultation	1	2	1	2	2	2	10	
17	Planters in Residential Streets	2	1	1	2	1	2	9	
18	Smarter Working in Stockton (Accommodation and Buildings)	2	1	2	2	1	1	9	
19	Planning Enforcement	2	1	1	2	1	2	9	

Potential 2019/20 Work Programme Allocation

Select Committee	Potential In-Depth Review Topics (In order of start date)
Adult Social Care and Health	Care Homes for Older People Hospital Discharge One Call
Children and Young People	Careers Provision Domestic Abuse School Uniforms
Crime and Disorder	Roadside Advertising Action Fraud Fly-Grazed Horses

<p>People</p>	<p>Local Council Tax Support Scheme</p> <p>Tees Credit Union</p> <p>Bereavement Fees – Child Burial [one meeting?]</p> <p>Public Consultation</p> <p>Smarter Working in Stockton (Accommodation and Buildings)</p>
<p>Place</p>	<p>Area Transport Strategy</p> <p>Business Engagement</p> <p>Contaminated Land</p> <p>Planters in Residential Streets</p> <p>Planning Enforcement</p>