

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

22 OCTOBER 2019

REPORT OF ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – ADMINISTRATION, DEMOCRATIC AND ELECTORAL SERVICES

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20 – PROPOSED MINOR IN YEAR CHANGES

SUMMARY

The report proposes minor in-year changes to the scrutiny work programme for approval by Executive Scrutiny Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the issue of fly-grazed horses be examined by the Crime and Disorder Select Committee as their second review topic.
- (2) That Place Select Committee consider Contaminated Land as a “Reporting-In Review”.

FLY GRAZED HORSES

1. It is proposed that the scrutiny review of fly-grazed horses is conducted by Crime and Disorder Select Committee as its next review following an incident in late August where an elderly couple sustained serious injuries after being involved with two horses. The crash also resulted in the death of the horses. Whilst the Council deals with incidents for which it is responsible in a responsive and effective manner, there is currently no formal policy in place.
2. The issue was already on the approved work programme for the Committee.

CONTAMINATED LAND

3. The scrutiny of the Council’s Land Contamination Strategy is on the approved work programme for the Place Select Committee. The current strategy was due for refresh in 2019 and officers have already made considerable progress in preparing for the review. It is therefore proposed that this review is conducted by officers as a “reporting-in review”.
4. Place Select Committee would receive reports at key stages (scoping, baselining, options appraisal/recommendations) for independent challenge. The Select Committee’s views/ comments would be reflected in the report when it reports to Cabinet.
5. Place Select Committee have a heavy work programme for the year and considering this topic as a “reporting-in review” would also help with expediting review work.
6. Subject to approval of the proposed changes, the revised work programme would be as set out in Appendix 1.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. The work programme is resourced within existing budgets.

RISK ASSESSMENT

8. The scrutiny programme meets legislative requirements and is an important internal mechanism to ensure the safety and quality of key services.

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

Select Committee	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 (Task and Finish Group) School Uniforms
Crime and Disorder	Protection of Vulnerable Older People Fly-Grazed Horses Action Fraud Roadside Advertising
People	Local Council Tax Support Scheme Smarter Working in Stockton - Accommodation and Buildings (Task and Finish Group) Tees Credit Union Bereavement Fees – Child Burial

	Public Consultation
Place	Area Transport Strategy Contaminated Land (Reporting In Review) Business Engagement Planters in Residential Streets Planning Enforcement