

## **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

### **8 March 2023**

#### **Work Programme 2023/24 Development**

#### **Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer**

### **1 Purpose**

- 1.1 This report outlines a proposed approach to support the Committee's discussions on its work programme for the next Municipal Year. It also outlines the issues identified by the Committee to be considered for inclusion on the work programme.

### **2 Action required**

- 2.1 To discuss items to be included on the Committee's 2023/24 work programme by following the process outlined below.

### **3 Background information**

- 3.1 The review of Overview and Scrutiny, undertaken by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) in 2021 as part of the Council's wider governance improvement work, identified the need for a more focussed work programme for the committee, focused on priority areas of work and on areas where scrutiny could make a meaningful contribution. The Committee previously attended a training session on the subject facilitated by the CfGS.
- 3.2 The Committee has previously identified the items outlined in the table attached as Appendix A for potential inclusion on the work programme. The list also includes items suggested at meetings with senior Executive Councillors and senior officers.
- 3.3 At the CfGS training session the following principles were identified in relation to work programme planning:
- are critical to the effectiveness of the Council
  - are a big priority or concern to their communities
  - pose a significant risk or threat to the Council and the community
  - present a significant opportunity for Overview and Scrutiny to make a meaningful contribution

It is recommended that the Committee applies these principles when deciding on the items to include in its work programme. In order to support this a flowchart, identifying a prioritisation process to be applied to each proposed item, is attached as Appendix B. It is recommended that, having applied the prioritisation process to each item, those identified as green are included on the work programme, those identified

as amber are held by Scrutiny Officers on a reserve list and those identified as red are rejected.

3.4 The Committee is therefore asked to:

- consider whether it wishes to continue to invite the Leader to the meetings he is available to attend to receive verbal updates on the Together for Nottingham Plan progress
- review the table of potential work programme items, applying the prioritisation process to them, and decide whether to include them in the 2023/24 work programme
- identify any additional items, not previously identified, and apply the same prioritisation process before agreeing whether to include them in the 2023/24 work programme.

3.5 It should be noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme is intended to be flexible and items may be added and removed as the year progresses as required.

#### **4 List of attached information**

4.1 Appendix A – Table of Potential Work Programme Items

4.2 Appendix B – Prioritisation Process to be applied to potential items

#### **5 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information**

5.1 None.

#### **6 Published documents referred to in compiling this report**

6.1 None.

#### **7 Wards affected**

7.1 All.

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## Appendix A

### Potential Work Programme Items

<b>Item</b>	<b>Focus</b>
Crime and Drugs Partnership	To consider information on the current work of the Crime and Drugs Partnership and performance against the Crime and Drugs Partnership Plan
Council Plan Progress Monitoring	How is the Council Plan being monitored? How is the Council ensuring that key indicators are being managed and monitored? Is it being delivered within budget?
IAB Updates	To be confirmed
Consultation requirements and process	To be confirmed