

Corporate Scrutiny Committee
27 November 2024

Work Programme

Report of the Statutory Scrutiny Officer

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2024/25 based on areas of work identified by the Committee at previous Committee meetings, the informal meeting of the Committee to scope its work programme for the year ahead and any further suggestions raised at this meeting.

2 Action required

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to note the work that is currently planned for the municipal year 2024/25 and make amendments to this programme as appropriate.

3 Background information

- 3.1 The Corporate Scrutiny Committee has been established to carry out the statutory overview and scrutiny functions in relation to corporate matters. This includes the Council's finances and resources such as IT, customer services, commercial strategy, procurement and financial management; and corporate and cross-cutting matters that affect each directorate such as development of and delivery of the Strategic Council Plan, budget, transformation and improvement.
- 3.2 The Committee is responsible for setting and managing its own work programme.
- 3.3 In setting a programme for scrutiny activity, the Committee should aim for an outcome-focused work programme that has clear priorities and a clear link to its roles and responsibilities. The work programme needs to be flexible so that issues which arise as the year progresses can be considered appropriately.
- 3.4 Where there are a number of potential items that could be scrutinised in a given year, consideration of what represents the highest priority or area of risk will assist with work programme planning. The Scrutiny Prioritisation Process has been attached to assist Members on those considerations with the Committee advised to focus on two items per meeting so that due consideration can be given.
- 3.5 The current Work Programme for the municipal year 2024/25 is attached.

4 The Strategic Council Plan 2024-27 and the Council Improvement Plan

- 4.1 The vision set out in the Strategic Council Plan (SCP) is that Nottingham is a city where people are proud of its history, vigorously pursue and celebrate our diversity, and be ambitious for the future of its people, neighbourhoods and city. That Nottingham will be known as a healthy, aspirational and thriving city, where people feel safe to live and work whatever their age, and an exciting, clean and welcoming place to play, study and visit. Nottingham will be a city that is green and environmentally sustainable, with a strong commitment to fairness, equality and inclusivity. That Nottingham is an ambitious city where people and businesses have a reputation for regeneration and building a growing economy with a skilled workforce. A city that is creative and culturally vibrant, where local people are proud of their city, their place, neighbourhood and their local community. The SCP sets out ten high-level outcomes for Nottingham, and each outcomes has a number of priority activities and interventions to help deliver it within the four-year span of the SCP.
- 4.2 In addition, the Council Improvement Plan (CIP) establishes how the Council will respond to the significant governance and financial challenges that have led to the statutory intervention by Government Commissioners. The CIP represents the overarching framework that holds the Council's improvement activity together and is intended to address the challenges the Council faces while working towards achieving longer-term change to become an organisation that has a clear purpose and direction, is financially sustainable and is well run. Delivering the CIP is intended to provide assurance to citizens, councillors, officers, partners and the Commissioners that the Council is improving the way it operates to deliver, enable and influence better outcomes for Nottingham in the most effective, efficient and economical way. The CIP sets out three overall aims, with eleven Priority Programmes of Action.
- 4.3 As a result, when planning its work programme, the Committee should consider how an item relates to achieving both the Priority Programmes of Action within the CIP and the wider objectives of the SCP. In scrutinising topics at a meeting, the Committee should seek to investigate what Priority Programmes of Action the issue affects and how improvement is being delivered against these, as well as the progress made to date against the associated performance metrics and that there is a full understanding and effective management of risk.

5 List of attached information

- 5.1 Scrutiny Prioritisation Process
- 5.2 Corporate Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2024/25

6 Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

6.1 None

7 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

7.1 [Nottingham City Council's Constitution](#) (Article 9 and Article 11)

7.2 [The Strategic Council Plan 2024-27](#)

7.3 [The Council Improvement Plan](#)

8 Wards affected

8.1 All

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