

REPORT TO:	Homes & Environment Scrutiny Committee
REPORT NO:	COGC/45/19s
DATE:	18 September 2019
LEAD MEMBER:	N/A
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SUBJECT:	Review of Work Programme
WARD:	N/A

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

To assist Members in agreeing a list of potential scrutiny topic areas for the next 12 months and possibly longer term.

2. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2.1 The proposed work programme up until July 2020, for consideration, is attached at Appendix 1.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To consider the information included in the report and to agree a work programme for the coming 12 – 18 months.**

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

For the Committee to develop an outcome focused work programme for the next 12 months and beyond.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 In June, two all Member Scrutiny Work Programme Planning Workshop were held to review the topics on the scrutiny committee work programmes, to align with the Council's new in-year priorities and underpinning activities. All Members and Chief Officers were invited to attend to contribute.

- 4.2 Each Scrutiny Committee then held a workshop in July to consider a proposed revised work programme based on the feedback from these All Member Workshops. The revised work programme is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee to agree.
- 4.3 Subject to confirmation of the attached work programme Members will note that the October meeting of the Committee is to consider a report on Waste Reduction and Recycling Initiatives in Wrexham. In order to give Members a full understanding of recycling in Wrexham the Chair has agreed that immediately prior to the meeting on the 16th October 2019 a site visit take place of the recycling facility at Bryn Lane. Following this the meeting will be held at Bryn Lane.
- 4.4 Members are reminded that there will be a workshop to consider the Local Housing Strategy on 17 September 2019. This workshop will help inform the future consideration of this matter by the committee. This is currently suggested to take place in March 2020.
- 4.5 Members will note that the suggested consideration of an item on Biodiversity references that this matter be informed via a workshop to be held in September 2019. Due to diary commitments of Officers and Members a date for this workshop was not identified for September. Due to this a date has been identified and the workshop will now be held on 5 November 2019.

5. IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 **Policy Framework** – The terms of reference of this Committee are broadly aligned to the priorities in the Council's Strategic Theme 'Place' as set out in the Council Plan. Any scrutiny topics identified will contribute to the terms of reference "To ensure that we support the delivery of homes that meet people's needs and aspirations in well connected communities. To ensure that we are an environmentally responsible County Borough."
- 5.2 **Budget** – There are no budget implications arising from this report.
- 5.3 **Legal** – There are no legal implications arising from this report.
- 5.4 **Staffing** – There are no staffing issues arising out of the report, but Officer resource will be required to support the preparation of information for Scrutiny Committee consideration.
- 5.5 **Equality/Human Rights** – This report provides information to inform a work programme and the Equality Manager has confirmed that the programme does not require an equality impact assessment as it merely sets out a timetable.
- 5.6 **Risks** – The main purpose of Scrutiny is to review and improve Council services, to make recommendations on future policy options and to act as a check and balance on the decisions made. Successful work programming and

identification of issues for scrutiny, focusing on outcomes contributing to the relevant Council priorities, should minimize the risk to them not being attained/delivered.

6. CONSULTATION

6.1 The terms of reference of this Committee are closely aligned with the Strategic Themes and Priority Outcomes in the Council Plan which were informed by public consultation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	LOCATION	WEBSITE INFO.