

WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24

**REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT
COORDINATOR**

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the current work programme for the Committee's work during the 2023-24 Council year.
- 1.2 The report also provides an update on a number of potential topics as raised by Members, for the Committee's consideration.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is a living document which Committee can develop throughout the year. As a living document the work programme allows Members and Officers to maintain an overview of work planned and undertaken during the Council year.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that the Committee is able to undertake all of its business and respond to emerging issues, there will be scope for additional meetings or visits not detailed in the work programme.
- 2.3 The work programme should reflect the remit of the Committee and the need to balance its responsibility for undertaking scrutiny, performance management and policy review (where necessary).

3. Work Programme Update

- 3.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee raised a number of issues at its work programme development session and a number of these issues have now been programmed into the Committee's work programme for 2023/24.

4. Task and Finish Working Group Update

- 4.1 The Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee considered a number of potential issues for task and finish working. The issues were as follows:
 - Teenage Pregnancy
 - Integrated Services
 - Gambling Impacts
 - Trauma Informed City
 - Living Independently in Sunderland.
- 4.2 Members were requested to give consideration to the issues highlighted and indicate which topic or topics would be their preferred preference to conduct via a task and finish working group. Following this consultation with Members of the

Committee the most popular issues were in order Integrated Services, Trauma Informed City and Gambling Impacts.

- 4.3 A scoping paper for this initial topic on integrated services is currently being prepared and will be presented to the Committee at its next meeting. The Scrutiny Officer is working with officers to ensure that the context, scope and terms of reference for this piece of work provide the framework for a beneficial piece of work that can compliment other work taking place around this issue.
- 4.4 It may be useful for the Committee to give consideration to who may wish to be involved with this piece of work going forward. Ideally a task and finish working group should be made up of around 5/6 Members of the Committee. This working group will operate outside of the regular committee gathering evidence and provide its final report back to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee in due course.
- 4.5 There may also be an opportunity to consider a further task and finish working group later in the year and the Committee could also consider one of the other topics for future investigation, either in this Municipal Year or the next.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 That the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:
 - (a) notes and comments on the work programme of the committee, including amendments: and
 - (b) notes the update on the task and finish working for 2023/24.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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