

**WORK PROGRAMME 2022/23**

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

**1. Purpose of the Report**

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the thematic Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2022/23 and provides an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2022/23.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee is two-fold, firstly it has a role in co-ordinating efficient business across the Scrutiny Committees and manage the overall Scrutiny Work Programme and secondly to consider the Council's corporate policies, performance and financial issues.
- 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. Thematic Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes**

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** sets out the Scrutiny Committee work programmes for the Children, Education and Skills, Economic Prosperity and Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committees respectively.

**4. Scrutiny Coordinating Committee's Work Programme**

- 4.1 **Appendix 2** outlines this Committee's full work programme for the year, updated to reflect new additions and amendments requested by Committee as the year has progressed.
- 4.2 Topics for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme will vary from single issue items for consideration such as policy and performance reports through to regular updates on issues that the committee have adopted a more focused monitoring role.
- 4.3 It should be noted that the work programme is a 'living' document and can be amended throughout the course of the municipal year. Any Elected Member can add an item of business to an agenda for consideration (Protocol 1 within the Overview and Scrutiny Handbook outlines this process).

## 5. Task and Finish Working

- 5.1 The Committee recently completed a task and finish working group developing a Cabinet/Scrutiny protocol and should now consider looking at another topic for a task and finish project. Some potential topics are listed below that were highlighted at the committee's workshop on 16 June 2022.

*Council Organisation and Culture* - Consideration of how the Council is working as an organisation following the impacts of the pandemic and transition to City Hall. To include the cultural changes that have taken place, the challenges that face staff and service delivery in a new environment.

*Protection of Green Spaces* - A joint piece of work with Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee to look at Council's policy around the protection of green spaces across the City.

*Report It Tool* - To look at the Members 'Report It' tool, how this works in practice, Member/Officer experience of it, are there improvements that can be made in terms of efficiency, ease of use etc.

*City Centre Regeneration Masterplan* - To consider the vision for the City Centre and how this plan supports the delivery of the vision as well as supporting the aims of the City Plan. Also a possible joint piece of work with Economic Prosperity Committee.

- 5.2 Members may consider one of these as the next piece of work for the Committee or suggest further topics for consideration for task and finish working. Once agreed a scoping paper will be submitted to the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee for discussion and agreement.

## 6. Dedicated Scrutiny Budget

- 6.1 A small budgetary provision of £15,000 per annum is available to the Scrutiny Committees to deliver the agreed Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes.

- 6.2 As of 31 October 2022 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

Description	£
Scrutiny Development	Nil
Member Development	Nil
Policy Review Development	Nil
<b>Total Expenditure to Date</b>	£0.00
<b>Budget</b>	£15,000.00
<b>Remaining Budget</b>	£15,000.00

## **7. Recommendations**

7.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:

- (a) notes the variations to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2022/23 and to its own work programme; and
- (b) notes the current scrutiny budget position for 2022/23
- (c) gives consideration to a topic for the establishment of a task and finish working group.

## **8. Background Papers**

8.1 Scrutiny Agendas and Minutes

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