SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMMES FOR 2020-21

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the variations to the Scrutiny Committee work programmes for 2020/21 and provides an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2020/21.
- 1.2 In delivering its work programme, the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee will support the council in achieving its Corporate Outcomes.

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 The aim of its co-ordinating role is to avoid duplication, make best use of resources and to provide a corporate overview of the scrutiny function. As such the remainder of this report outlines the current work programmes of the Scrutiny Committees.

3. SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMMES

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

4. SCRUTINY 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.

5. DEDICATED SCRUTINY BUDGET

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

5.2 As of 28 September 2020 the breakdown of the budget stood as follows:-

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

5. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee:
 - (a) notes the variations to the Scrutiny Committee Work Programmes for 2020/21 and to its own work programme;
 - (b) notes the current expenditure and remaining scrutiny budget for 2020/21.

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