

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY AND MEMBERS' SUPPORT COORDINATOR

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to consider and agree a work programme for the Committee for the municipal year 2020/21.

2. Background

- 2.1 The work programme is designed to set out the key issues to be addressed by the Committee during the year and provide it with a timetable of work. The Committee itself is responsible for setting its own work programme, subject to the coordinating role of the Scrutiny Coordinating Committee.
- 2.2 To be most effective, the work programme should provide a basis and framework for the work of the Committee, while retaining sufficient flexibility to respond to any important issues that emerge during the course of the year. The work programme is therefore intended to be a working document that the Committee can develop and refer to throughout the year.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 The remit of the Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee covers the following:-
- Any matter relating to the economic prosperity of the city and the performance of services to support that including physical infrastructure, sector growth and skills, economic vibrancy, safer Sunderland, licensing and trading standards, strategic transport, environmental services, libraries, heritage and tourism.*
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 The work programme should also reflect and be aligned to the key priorities of the Council as set out in documents such as the Sunderland Strategy and Corporate Plan, reflect issues highlighted following external assessments and issues raised during the Committee development sessions.

3 DETERMINING THE SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

3. On 13 August 2020, the Committee held a workshop session to discuss potential items for inclusion in the work programme.

- 3.1 The table below provides details of the issues considered for inclusion in the work programme:-

Regular Work Programme Items	
Economic Prosperity Scrutiny Committee Work Programme (Monthly)	To receive the Committee's work programme outlining future meetings of the committee and the items scheduled for those meetings.
28 Day Notice of Key Decisions (Monthly)	To consider the Council's 28 Day Notice of Key Decisions.
Single Item (Items to be scheduled when dates known)	
Annual Road Safety Report	To provide latest information on the level of road traffic accidents and fatalities in the city.
Business Improvement District (BID)	To consider the progress being made by the BID and an update on the effect of Covid 19 on city retail.
International Strategy	To review the work of the International Strategy Steering Group over the year and its contribution to economic growth and prosperity
Sunderland Strategic Transport Corridor	To receive an update the progress of work on the Sunderland Strategic Corridor and plans for the future.
Sunderland Cultural Sector	To consider the progress being made and the effect and implications of Covid 19.
Low Carbon Framework	To consider plans to reduce the level of its carbon emissions
Siglion Regeneration	To consider and review progress of on the development and regeneration undertaken by Siglion.
Housing Strategy - Progress	To monitor progress in relation to the priorities contained in the Housing Strategy.
Covid 19 – Business Support Grants	Outline the Covid support programmes support available to businesses and report and on the final position with regard to grant payments.
Chamber of Commerce Sunderland – Update	To provide an update on the opportunities and challenges facing he local economy.

Business Centres – Progress Report	To consider the progress made by the Council's Business Centres (Evolve, the Software Centre and Washington Business Centre).
Homes in Multiple Occupation - Supplementary Planning Document Scoping Report	To consider and comment on the contents of the HMO SPD Scoping Report.
Riverside - Supplementary Planning Document	To consider and comment on the contents of the Riverside SPD.
Allocations and Designations Plan	To consider and comment on the Plan which sets out detailed site and land use designations.
Environmental Services Update	To consider the services' response to Covid 19, its plans for the future and changes to the Bereavement Services.
Sunderland Rail Station	To receive an update on the development of Sunderland Rail Station
City Hall	To consider progress on the new Civic Centre, funding issues and the future of the Civic Centre
International Advanced Manufacturing Park	To monitor progress in relation to IAMP.

3.1 A draft Scrutiny Work Programme for 2020/21 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3.2 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).

4. Recommendations

4.1 That the Scrutiny Committee consider and agrees a draft Annual Scrutiny Work Programme for 2020/21 and incorporates emerging issues as and when they arise throughout the forthcoming year.

5. Background Papers

Notes of the Development session held on 13 August 2020

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