

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday, 1 November 2018

CURRENT POSITION OF THE COMMITTEE'S WORK PROGRAMME (REP1817)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The current position of the Committee's Work Programme is provided at each meeting, in order for it to be continually reviewed by the Committee.
2. The Committee has a "rolling" work programme, with suggestions for scrutiny identified by Members throughout the year.

Is the report Open or Exempt?	Open
Wards Affected:	All Wards in the District
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1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview & Scrutiny Committee operates a “rolling” work programme, with agendas planned 2-3 meetings in advance and leaving space to be reactive to changing needs. The work programme shows proposed timings for individual reports planned, but is a live document and is subject to change, to take account of changing circumstances and priorities.
- 1.2 The current position of the Committee’s Work Programme is provided at each meeting, in order for it to be continually reviewed by the Committee. The work programme as it currently stands is set out at Appendix A to this report.

2 WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1 Overview & Scrutiny within Waveney is based on the principle of being Member-led, thereby making the best use of the local knowledge and expertise that Councillors possess.
- 2.2 Certain items of business are required to be brought annually to the Committee, and it is also good practice for annual reports from partner organisations to be scrutinised by the Committee. In some instances, scrutiny is undertaken in conjunction with the Audit & Governance Committee as the two Committees have complementary functions. Additionally, some reviews take more than one year to complete.
- 2.3 All of these categories of the report form the skeleton of the Committee’s Work Programme to which additional items are added throughout the year, such as requests from Cabinet and Full Council and suggestions from the Committee and from individual Members via scoping forms. The most important element of the scoping form is to set out exactly what the Committee hopes to achieve through any piece of scrutiny. Issues which are unlikely to be able to be influenced, or which are already being dealt with in another arena, are not appropriate for scrutiny. Members should also bear in mind their own, and officers’ capacity to deliver any particular review.
- 2.4 Following discussions at the last meeting on 4 October 2018, it was agreed that an Information Bulletin would be provided in relation to Car Parking eg free first hour parking and reduced cost permits for healthcare workers with a full report on the item only being commissioned if the Committee felt it necessary once they had considered the Bulletin.
- 2.5 In relation to the Joint meetings with Audit and Governance on 17 January and 7 February 2019 these will still be held. However, the current items will now be considered by the Shadow Scrutiny Committee but Members will be asked to consider Revised WDC Budget reports in relation to the General Fund, Capital Programme and Housing Revenue Account on 17 January 2019.

3 FINANCIAL AND GOVERNANCE IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Any scrutiny activity needs to add value and so it needs to be clear from the outset which issues Members want to look at, the reasons why the matter would benefit from scrutiny and what positive outcomes could be generated from scrutiny activity.

4 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 4.1 It is good practice for the Committee to be involved in the setting of its work programme, and to keep it under review, and therefore the option of not having a work programme to guide the Committee’s programme of work was not considered.

5 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 To provide the Committee with an opportunity to review its work programme.

RECOMMENDATION

That the current position of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme, as set out in Appendix A to this report, be noted.

APPENDICES

Appendix A

Overview & Scrutiny Committee Current Work Programme

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

Underlined items are annual reports

Green highlighting indicates joint reports with Audit & Governance Committee – A & G Meeting

*Indicates subject to change due to the progression of the creation of East Suffolk Council

Meeting Date: Thursday, 1 November 2018	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post implementation review of charges for the collection of Garden Waste (REP1742) Information Bulletin – Car Parking Current Position of the Work Programme (REP1817) 	Kerry Blair Kerry Blair Sarah Davis
Meeting Date: Thursday, 6 December 2018	
Support Officer	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Annual review of St Peter's Court fire safety (REP1853) Redevelopment of Chalets 1-58 at Jubilee Parade South, Lowestoft EXEMPT (REP1743) Current Position of the Work Programme (REP1818) 	Andy Jarvis Kerry Blair Sarah Davis
Meeting Date: Thursday, 3 January 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Littering and Poor Recycling in Waveney - An Analysis of Council Communication and Public Education (REP1926) Current Position of the Work Programme (REP1819) 	Kerry Blair Sarah Davis
Joint A & G	
Meeting Date: Thursday, 17 January 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Capital Programme Revised for 2018/19 (REP1787) *Housing Revenue Account Revised Budget 2018/19 (REP1788) General Fund Revised Budget for 2018/19 	Simon Taylor Simon Taylor/Amber Welham
Joint O & S	
Meeting Date: Thursday, 7 February 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Current Position of the Work Programme (REP1820) 	Sarah Davis
Meeting Date: Thursday, 14 March 2019	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Post Implementation update of the closure of Tourist Information Centres and replacement of Visitor Information Points (REP1763) Current Position of the Work Programme (REP1821) 	Jason Berry Sarah Davis