

Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee



13 July 2018

Refresh of the Committee's Work Programme 2018 - 2019

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Director of Transformation and Partnerships

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members consideration an updated work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018-19.

Background

- 2 At its meeting on 17 April 2018, the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2016 – 2019 for the Altogether Greener priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in line with the Sustainable Community Strategy, Cabinet Notice of key decisions, Partnership plans and strategies, performance and budget control data and government legislation

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2018 – 2019 has been prepared and is attached at appendix two. The work programme is very comprehensive drawing on topical areas across the remit of the committee and it should be noted that it is also flexible in respect that topics can be added throughout the year.
- 4 A review group was established from members of Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee in October 2017 to look at DCC's Allotment Services and work is continuing with this review.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee are asked to:
 - a) Discuss and agree the new work programme 2018 – 2019 as detailed in appendix two.

- b) Identify a topic for focused scrutiny review following the completion of the DCC's Allotment Services review project.

Background Papers

Council Plan 2016 – 2019

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Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on 16th March 2016)

Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan.

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty - A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation - The council's Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

Human rights – None

Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

Procurement – None

Disability Issues - Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

Legal Implications- None