

Report of the Monitoring Officer

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

1. Purpose of report

The purpose of this report is to request that Members formulate a Work Programme for scrutiny. This is in accordance with all of the Council’s priorities.

2. Recommendation

The Committee is asked to CONSIDER the report and RESOLVE to agree subjects to be considered for review including those submitted as suggestions for Scrutiny.

3. Detail

Attached at appendix 1 are topics that the previous Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Committee reserved as topics for future consideration. Appendix 2 is a suggested topic received. Members may wish to consider these for their current programme or choose new topics using the criteria below:

- Issues identified by Members as a key issue for the public
- Issue has a significant local impact
- Significant public dissatisfaction (e.g. through complaints)
- Issue raised by auditors
- New government guidance/legislation
- New evidence provided by external organisation
- Poor performance (e.g. evidence from performance indicators)
- High level budgetary commitment
- Pattern of budgetary overspending.

4. The work programme for the next four meetings is as follows:

21 September 2023	•
23 November 2023	•
29 January 2024 (Budget)	• Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies (O&S)
30 January 2024 (Budget)	• Budget Proposals and Associated Strategies (O&S)

5. Legal Implications

The terms of reference are set out in the Council’s constitution. It is good practice to include a work programme to help the Council manage the portfolios.

6. Background Papers

Nil

APPENDIX 1

1. Topics reserved for future consideration by the previous Overview and Scrutiny Committee

	Topic	Topic suggested by	Link to corporate priorities/values
1.	Disabled Facilities Grants	Councillor B C Carr	The Housing aim of a good quality home for everyone
2.	Environment Strategy	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	This links to all of the Council's Corporate Priorities.
3.	Child Poverty	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	A strong caring focus on the needs of all communities
4.	Budget Consultation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Continuous improvement and delivering value for money
5.	Homes for Life	Councillor S J Carr agreed by Overview and Scrutiny Committee	The Housing aim of a good quality home for everyone