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**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES**

**WEDNESDAY, 26 JULY 2023**

**Report of the Director - Legal and Democratic Services**

**Work Programme 2023-24**

**1. Purpose**

- 1.1 To review the Committee's work programme and invite committee members to suggest possible agenda items for the municipal year 2023-24.

**2. Information and Analysis**

- 2.1 It is considered good practice that each Scrutiny Committee develops and agrees an annual work programme. The identification of relevant topics and their allocation to a specific meeting date, focuses the work of the Committee and promotes transparency.
- 2.2 Scrutiny work programmes are best viewed as flexible documents. The timescales are indicative of when each issue will be considered by the Committee. Throughout the year timings may change and new issues may emerge. For example, new items may be identified from the Council's Forward Plan.
- 2.3 The work programme for 2023-24 is given at Appendix two and Members are invited to propose additional items to be considered for inclusion.
- 2.4 When identifying issues for the work programme Members are advised to consider:

- Whether the issue falls within the remit of the Committee
- How the issue aligns with the Council Plan priorities
- Whether the issue is in the public interest
- If there has been a change to National Policy and how this will affect people in Derbyshire
- If there are any performance, financial or safety concerns about a particular service or function
- How consideration by the Scrutiny Committee will add value.

### **3. Consultation**

- 3.1 Scrutiny work programmes are developed in consultation with Committee members. They are also informed by discussions with Executive Directors, who offer guidance about the timing of the Committee's involvement, to ensure that scrutiny work coincides with the availability of performance data, specific milestones, and appropriate stages of policy development.

### **4. Alternative Options Considered**

- 4.1 The option of not having a work programme was rejected as it is considered important that topics are allocated to specific meeting dates in order to focus the work of the Committee and promote transparency.

### **5. Implications**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

### **6. Background Papers**

- 6.1 None

### **7. Appendices**

- 7.1 Appendix 1 – Implications
- 7.2 Appendix 2 –Work Programme 2023-24

### **8. Recommendation(s)**

That the Committee:

a) Notes the 2023-24 work programme and considers any proposed revisions.

## **9. Reasons for Recommendation(s)**

9.1 To focus the work of the Committee and promote transparency.

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**Implications**

**Financial**

1.1 None Identified for this report

**Legal**

2.1 None Identified for this report

**Human Resources**

3.1 None Identified for this report

**Information Technology**

4.1 None Identified for this report

**Equalities Impact**

5.1 None Identified for this report

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

6.1 Resilient, healthy and safe communities.

6.2 High performing, value for money and resident focused services.

6.3 Effective early help for individuals and communities.

6.4 A prosperous and Green Derbyshire

**Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental, Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

7.1 None Identified for this report