

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

15 September 2020

WORK PLAN 2020-21: UPDATE

1. Summary

To note changes to the current 2020-21 Work Plan [Min. No. 36 refers] and identify further items for inclusion in the Plan for the remainder of the current municipal year.

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers the updated Work Plan (attached as Appendix A to this report) and identifies further topics for inclusion as appropriate.

3. Background and Discussion

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference (ToRs) make provision for the Committee to approve an Annual Scrutiny Work Programme and to allocate a timeframe for its consideration in a Work Plan to be reviewed and updated at each subsequent meeting of the Committee.

3.2 In setting its own Work Programme and Plan the Committee will take into account the minority interest views held by Members on the Committee.

3.3 The Work Programme as detailed in the Plan, should ensure that there is efficient use of the Committee's time and that the potential for duplication of effort is minimised, especially with regard to the remits of the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) and the Policy Overview Committees, as set out in their respective Committee Protocols.

3.4 In considering whether a particular topic or function should be included in the Committee's Work Programme and Plan, Members need to be mindful of the following:

(1) That the primary role of the Committee is to scrutinise decisions of the Cabinet, either taken or included in the extant Regulation 9 Notice for consideration by Cabinet;

(2) That inviting participation by other councils to give their experiences is not a scrutiny function, but an overview function of the Policy Overview Committee, to better inform future policy options for the Council;

(3) That discussions on policy statements also fall to the Policy Overview Committee to consider as an overview function;

(4) That matters relating to crime and disorder, including anti-

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social behaviour (ASB) and Community Safety fall within the remit of the Crime and Disorder (Overview & Scrutiny) Committee;

(5) That the published Work Plan may be supplemented with additional items on an *ad-hoc* basis [Draw-Downs]; with the approval of Directors prior to scheduled meetings commencing, within the provisions and timescales of the Draw-Down process as set out in the Committee's Protocol.

- 3.5 Directors have acceded to a request from HQ Theatres Ltd that the annual report and accounts for The Orchard Theatre (normally received by the Committee in September) be deferred until November 2020, given the onset of the coronavirus pandemic and the subsequent Government restrictions placed on the theatre industry. An updated 2020-21 Work Plan is attached at Appendix A to this report for the Committee to note, and to consider the addition of any further proposals Members may have.

4. Relationship to the Corporate Plan

Not applicable.

5. Financial, legal, staffing and other administrative implications and risk assessments

Financial Implications	None
Legal Implications	None
Staffing Implications	None
Administrative Implications	None
Risk Assessment	No uncertainties and/or constraints

6. Appendices

Appendix A: Updated Scrutiny Committee Work Plan for remainder of 2020-21

BACKGROUND PAPERS

<u>Documents consulted</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>File Ref</u>	<u>Report Author</u>	<u>Section and Directorate</u>	<u>Exempt Information Category</u>
2019-20 Work Plan Mins. Nov 2019, July 2020	Sept 2020		David Hook Democratic Services (01322 343276)	Democratic Services SD Internal & External	N/A