

Committee(s): Audit and Scrutiny	Date: 26 th January 2021
Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21	Wards Affected: All
Report of: Strategic Director (Deputy Chief Executive)	Public
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Summary

The Constitution requires that the Audit & Scrutiny Committee agrees its Scrutiny work programme at each meeting of the Committee. This report provides an update of the current scrutiny work programme and is set out in Appendix A.

In addition, legislation requires that an Annual report is made to the Committee on the work of the Community Safety Partnership. This report is normally made at the March committee each year.

At the last meeting of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee a presentation was made to Members on the Council's Housing Repairs and Maintenance contractor, Axis and it was agreed that a Members Working Group be convened. A date for the working group is currently being arranged.

In addition, at the 24th November committee Cllr Barrett forwarded a recommendation for the work programme to include a review of the historic relationship between Brentwood Borough Council and the Brentwood Leisure Trust. The completed form is attached as Appendix B.

Recommendation(s)

R1. That the Committee considers and agrees the 2020/21 Scrutiny work programme as set out in Appendix A with any additions agreed by the committee at the meeting.

Main Report

Introduction and Background

- 1.0 At the Annual Council it was agreed that the committee structure would include the introduction of an Audit & Scrutiny Committee.
- 2.0 In relation to new scrutiny matters under its Terms of Reference any scrutiny matter identified by members must be agreed Audit and Scrutiny Committee.

3.0 The Audit & Scrutiny Committee also has responsibility to review decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. In addition, it has responsibility for the monitoring of Council service performance, including Performance Indicators and Formal Complaints.

4.0 The Scrutiny work programme should not include management or staffing issues which are the responsibility of the Head of Paid Service

Reasons for Recommendation

5.0 The Constitution requires that the Audit & Scrutiny Committee agrees its Scrutiny work programme at each meeting of the Committee.

Consultation

6.0 None.

References to Corporate Plan

7.0 The vision of Transformation includes an action to improve the Council's governance arrangements, leading to faster, more effective decision-making. An effective scrutiny function is an essential element of that priority.

Implications

Financial Implications

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8.0 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

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9.0 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

Economic Implications

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10. There are no direct economic implications from this report.

Other Implications (where significant) – i.e. Health and Safety, Asset Management, Equality and Diversity, Risk Management, Section 17 – Crime & Disorder, Sustainability, ICT.

Background Papers

None.

Appendices to this report

Appendix A – Draft Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21

Appendix B – Scrutiny Review Form completed by Cllr Barrett