

<b>Committee(s):</b> Audit and Scrutiny	<b>Date:</b> 08 March 2022
<b>Subject:</b> Scrutiny Work Programme 2021/22	<b>Wards Affected:</b> All
<b>Report of:</b> Steve Summers, Strategic Director (Deputy Chief Executive)	<b>Public</b>
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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.

### Recommendation(s)

**R1. That the Committee considers and agrees the 2021/22 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. At the Annual Council it was agreed that the committee structure would include the introduction of an Audit & Scrutiny Committee.
2. 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. 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. The Scrutiny work programme should not include management or staffing, issues which are the responsibility of the Head of Paid Service.

## **Reasons for Recommendation**

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## **Consultation**

None

## **References to Corporate Plan**

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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There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

### **Legal Implications**

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There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

### **Economic Implications**

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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.

None

## **Background Papers**

None

## **Appendices to this report**

- Appendix A: Draft Scrutiny Work Programme – March - 2021/22