

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Report

Committee:	Policy and Resources Select Committee
Date:	25 June 2020
Title:	Work Programme
Report From:	Director of Transformation and Governance – Corporate Services

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Purpose of the Report

1. To review and agree the Work Programme for the Policy and Resources Select Committee.

Recommendation

2. That the Committee agrees the Work Programme as attached and makes any amendments as necessary.

REQUIRED CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	yes
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	Yes

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location

None

EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT:

1. Equality Duty

The County Council has a duty under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 ('the Act') to have due regard in the exercise of its functions to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation and any other conduct prohibited by or under the Act with regard to the protected characteristics as set out in section 4 of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, marriage and civil partnership, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation);
- Advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, sex and sexual orientation) and those who do not share it;
- Foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic within section 149(7) of the Act (see above) and persons who do not share it.

Due regard in this context involves having due regard in particular to:

- The need to remove or minimise disadvantages suffered by persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are connected to that characteristic;
- Take steps to meet the needs of persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic that are different from the needs of persons who do not share it;
- Encourage persons sharing a relevant protected characteristic to participate in public life or in any other activity in which participation by such persons is disproportionately low.

2. Equalities Impact Assessment:

This is a scrutiny review document setting out the work programme of the Committee. It does not therefore make any proposals which will impact on groups with protected characteristics.

WORK PROGRAMME – POLICY & RESOURCES SELECT COMMITTEE

Topic	Issue	Reason for inclusion	Status and Outcomes	25 June 2020	17 Sept 2020	5 Nov 2020	19 Jan 2021	4 March 2021
Pre-scrutiny	Revenue and Capital Budgets	To pre-scrutinise the budget proposals for the Policy & Resources portfolio, prior to approval by the Executive Member.	Budget considered annually in January. (in recent years this committee has also received the budget setting item at the January meeting for additional context) In 2019 due to also scrutinise Transformation to 2021 savings proposals at Sept 2019 meeting.				✓	
Budget Monitoring		(a) Final Accounts considered at summer meeting, to see how the budget was managed for the year compared to plan. (b) Medium Term Financial Strategy – considered when appropriate to provide longer term financial context.	(a) Last considered June 2019 (b) MTFS last considered June 2018.		✓			
Overview	Performance	To monitor how performance is managed corporately and consider the performance information to support	Members requested to consider the performance report annually. Last received June 2019, next update expected summer 2020. Mid-year	✓			✓	

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		identification of areas to focus scrutiny.	update due Jan 2021.					
Overview (Annual Item)	IT developments and issues (including Digital Strategy)	Monitoring contribution of IT to change programmes, major projects (e.g. rural broadband) and policy issues in relation to underpinning council services (e.g. disaster recovery plans)	Update has been considered annually. Last update received Jan 2020, next update due Jan 2021.				✓	
Overview	Local Enterprise Partnerships	Requested by Chairman summer 2018	Introductory presentation Nov 2018, to retain for further scrutiny. Chief Executive and Chairman of both LEPs gave a presentation to March 2019 meeting. Retain for future meeting.					
Overview	Climate Change updates	Requested by Chairman	Last update received March 2020.					

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Overview	Covid 19 Financial Update	For the Committee to receive an update regarding the financial impact of the Covid-19 crisis.	For information	✓				
Crime & Disorder (Annual Item)	Duty to review, scrutinise, and report on the decisions made, and actions taken by 'responsible authorities' under the Crime and Disorder Act.	This duty passed from the Safe & Healthy People Select Committee to this committee in May 2014	Introductory item on crime and disorder received at Oct 2014 meeting. Update on crime & disorder work (domestic abuse focus) received at Nov 2015 meeting. Update (with Prevent focus) Nov 2016 and short introduction from PCC. Supporting Troubled Families focus Nov 2017. Child Exploitation focus Nov 2018. Reducing Serious Violence Nov 2019. Request update on work of county strategy group (annual update due Nov 2020)			✓		
Collation of Annual Report of Select Committee activity (Annual Item)	To support oversight of the scrutiny function, and the role of this committee to ensure scrutiny activity is having impact and being	The constitution requires that this committee report to full Council annually providing a summary of the activity of the select committees	In recent years this has been prepared by financial year. Report for 19/20 to be approved at June meeting and submitted to July 2020 Full Council	✓				

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