

## HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

### Report

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| <b>Committee:</b>   | Policy and Resources Select Committee                          |
| <b>Date:</b>        | 17 September 2020  |
| <b>Title:</b>       | Work Programme   |
| <b>Report From:</b> | 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**

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

| <b>Topic</b>             | <b>Issue</b>                        | <b>Reason for inclusion</b>  | <b>Status and Outcomes</b>  | <b>17 Sept 2020</b> | <b>5 Nov 2020</b> | <b>19 Jan 2021</b> | <b>4 March 2021</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Pre-scrutiny</b>      | 2021/22 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) |                     |                   | X                  |                     |
| <b>Budget Monitoring</b> |                                     | (a) End of Year Financial Report considered at summer meeting, to see how the budget was managed for the year compared to plan.<br><br>(b) Medium Term Financial Strategy – considered when appropriate to provide longer term financial context | (a) Last considered June 2019<br><br>(b) MTFS last considered June 2018.  |                     | X                 |                    |                     |
| <b>Overview</b>          | Covid-19 Financial Update           | For the Committee to receive an update regarding the financial impact of the Covid-19 crisis.  | presented at the June 2020 mtg and requested a further update in the Autumn.  |                     | X                 |                    |                     |

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| <b>Overview (Annual Item)</b>             | 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.  |              |            | x           |              |
| <b>Crime &amp; Disorder (Annual Item)</b> | 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.<br><br>Request update on work of county strategy group (annual update due Nov 2020) |              | x          |             |              |

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| <b>Collation of Annual Report of Select Committees activity (Annual Item)</b> | To support oversight of the scrutiny function, and the role of this committee to ensure scrutiny activity is having impact and being evaluated. | The Constitution requires that this committee report to Full Council annually providing a summary of the activity of the select committees              | Last considered at June meeting and submitted to Full Council in July 2020   |              |            |             |              |
| <b>Overview (Regular updates)</b>   | Climate Change Strategy updates   | Requested by Chairman   | Last update received March 2020.   | x            |            |             |              |
| <b>Overview</b>   | Local Enterprise Partnerships   | Requested by Chairman   | Introductory presentation Nov 2018, to retain for further scrutiny. Chief Executive and Chairman of both LEPs gave a presentation to March 2019 meeting.<br>Retain for future meeting.   |              |            |             |              |
| <b>Consultation Policy</b>  | Whether improvements could be made to how the County Council engages with the public.   | Members were aware of examples of consultations that had not been well received by the public and wanted to review corporate guidance on consultations. | Working group reported to July 2014 meeting and recommended to Cabinet. Cabinet agreed new policy Feb 2015. Review of implementation April 2016. To retain for future update, timing tbc |              |            |             |              |