

Internal Scrutiny Committee

Meeting to be held on 22 January 2021

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2020/21 (Appendix 'A' refers)

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Executive Summary

This report provides information on the single combined work programme for all of the Lancashire County Council scrutiny committees. A copy of the work programme is set out at Appendix A.

Recommendation

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

- i. Review the work programme items due to come to future meetings of the committee (as detailed in Appendix A).
- ii. Discuss and identify any potential key discussion areas/questions for upcoming items.
- iii. Consider and agree sources of information including key cabinet members/officers/partners to invite for upcoming items.

Background and Advice

The Covid-19 pandemic has required members and officers to work differently and the wider context has also meant that priorities have changed or shifted in emphasis.

The work programme for this year has been combined with other scrutiny committees to form a single combined work programme given that the primary focus of the scrutiny work programme as a whole is dedicated to the response of the Covid-19 pandemic. A copy of the work programme is set out at Appendix A.

It is important to note that the work programme needs to be flexible in order to accommodate any urgent items that may arise. The work programme will form a standing item on the agenda for the committee for regular review and to ensure it is still fit for purpose.

To further enhance the work programme, members are asked to reflect on key discussion areas or questions they would like to consider for each of the topic areas. This will ensure that senior officers have a clear focus in order to provide the relevant information.

In addition to this, members are asked to consider who they would like to invite to future meetings to help provide a more holistic picture for scrutiny to understand the challenges and produce meaningful but achievable recommendations.

Members are asked to:

- i. Review and agree the work programme items for the committee (as at Appendix A).
- ii. Discuss and identify any potential key questions for upcoming items.
- iii. Consider and agree sources of information including key cabinet members/officers/partners to invite for upcoming items.

Consultations

NA

Implications:

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

Risk management

This report has no significant risk implications.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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