

**Eden District Council
Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

12 May 2022

**Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme
and Cabinet Work Programme 2021/22**

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| Report from: | Chairman of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee |
| Wards: | All wards |
| OPEN PUBLIC ITEM | |

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To review the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme for the remainder of the municipal year 2021-22, and the first meeting of the municipal year 2022-23. The report also invites, as a continuous option, suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.
- 1.2 To note the Cabinet Work programme and consider any items which might benefit from the input of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to the Cabinet making a decision.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2021-22 and the first meeting of the municipal year 2022-23 be noted, and any revisions be agreed.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Cabinet Work Programme be noted, and any decisions to scrutinise items contained therein be made.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 The work programmes allow all Non-Executive Members the opportunity to suggest possible agenda items for Scrutiny meetings. The agenda items for each meeting will ultimately be determined by the Chairman. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report, and the Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme outlines known agenda items suggested by Non-Executive Members.
- 3.3 Members are invited to discuss the work programmes and agree any additional items that they would like to receive at their next or any future meetings. The scheduling of agenda items will be undertaken in consultation with the Chairman and the relevant service area. Any agenda items should be within the remit of the Committee.

4 Policy Framework

4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:

- Sustainable;
- Healthy, safe and secure;
- Connected; and
- Creative

4.2 This report meets the Sustainable corporate policy by ensuring that the Council has good governance arrangements in place and is operating in an open and transparent way, with Members who are kept informed and motivated.

5 Consultation

5.1 Consultation will be undertaken with members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any non-Executive member is able to add topics to the work programme at any time during the Municipal year.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023 as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.

6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 Scrutiny committees are not decision making bodies. Any recommendations that this committee makes will need to be considered by the appropriate Member decision making body. It is recognised that Scrutiny provides a valuable contribution to strong corporate governance.

6.3 Human Resources

6.3.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

| Consideration: | Details of any implications and proposed measures to address: |
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| Equality and Diversity | None arising from this report |
| Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact | None arising from this report |
| Crime and Disorder | None arising from this report |
| Children and Safeguarding | None arising from this report |

6.5 Risk Management

| Risk | Consequence | Controls Required |
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| The Committee can choose not to set a work plan for the forthcoming year. | The Council does not scrutinise topics of public interest or the work of the Cabinet, leading to poor standards of governance and reputational damage to the Council. | That the Committee regularly reviews its work plan and adds to it as necessary. |

7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options have been considered.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 Consideration of the proposed work plan allows Committee Members to have a greater sense of ownership over their meetings, which assists with maintaining Member engagement in the decision making process, and helps to ensure that the Scrutiny function continues to address issues of relevance to the Council and its communities.

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan 2020-2021

Appendix 2 – Cabinet Work Programme

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