

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme - Update Report

16th October 2024

Report of Chief Officer - Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To consider the Work Programme report.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That the Committee considers the updates below.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Committee is responsible for setting its own annual Work Programme within the terms of reference, as set out in the Council's Constitution. Members are requested to consider the updates set out below.

2. Updates

2.1 Postponed Items

At the last meeting of the Committee Members were advised that the Chair had agreed to postpone the three items that were scheduled for the September meeting.

It was agreed that:

- Remote monitoring of litter bins and route optimisation,
- Lancaster District Allotment Review, and
- the Draft Fly Tipping Strategy,

be deferred to a meeting later in the year as the Cabinet Member had not been available to attend.

In view of the number of items already included on the Committee's Work Programme Members may wish to hold an additional meeting in November/December when the Cabinet Member, Chief Officer and LESS are available to attend.

Note: Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rule 5 - Meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Panel - advises, amongst other things that:

They (Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Panel) may agree to hold additional meetings as required.

2.2 Task Groups

With regard to the scoping of the Tackling Obesity Task Group a meeting was arranged and held with Councillor Gawith, the Chief Executive and Principal Democratic Support Officer on Tuesday, 1st October. It was reported that, since the last meeting of the Committee, the City Council has been informed of a programme of work that Food Active are undertaking on behalf of Lancashire County Council to create healthier weight environments – Lancashire Healthier Places. Members have been invited to an online briefing on Wednesday, 9th October commencing at 12 Noon.

In view of the above information, it was felt that, as this was an important piece of work on the Committee's Work Programme, the Chair of this Committee arrange for an email to all Members of the Committee to encourage attendance at the briefing. Based on the additional information obtained at the briefing arrangements to then be made to scope a Task Group.

Arrangements are also being made for a date to scope the Neighbourhoods Task Group.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As there are no financial implications arising from this report the S151 officer has no comments to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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