

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme Report

2nd July 2025

Report of Chief Officer - Governance

PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Committee is requested to consider its Work Programme for 2025/26.

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

(1) That Members consider the report.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Committee is requested to consider its Work Programme for 2025/26.

2. Work Programme9Updates

2.1 Rule 9 of the Constitution, set out below, advises of the process to be undertaken to consider and prioritise its Work Programme.

Rule 9 - Work Programme

(a) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Panel will be responsible for setting their own Annual Work Programme within the Terms of Reference set out in Part 2, Section 5, 9 and 10 of this Constitution.

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall write to all Councillors and the Chief Executive and ask the public for issues that should be considered for inclusion in the Scrutiny Work Programme. A meeting to be arranged with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Budget and Performance Panel, the Pre-Scrutiny Champion and members of the Council's Leadership Team. This meeting will allow a preliminary prioritisation of submissions to be conducted and report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This being subject to the arrangements for consulting on future Work Programme items as set out in the Constitution continuing and the Work Programme being finally agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

(b) The Overview and Scrutiny Committee shall meet in its capacity as crime and disorder committee no less than once in every twelve-month period.

2.2 In accordance with the Constitution items were requested and a meeting with the Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Chair of Budget and Performance Panel, the Pre-Scrutiny Champion and members of the Council's Leadership Team to consider these will be arranged and a preliminary prioritisation will be undertaken.

2.3 Attached at Appendix A is the Committee's current Work Programme. The Committee is asked to consider the recommendations regarding the preliminary prioritisation of the additional items received in accordance with Overview and Scrutiny Committee Procedure Rule 9 and agree a Work Programme for the current municipal year.

2.4 **Campervans Parked on the Promenade, Morecambe**

This item has been deferred, and an update will be provided on the Committee's Work Programme when County Council officers are able to advise when they are able to report.

2.5 **Pre-Decision Scrutiny Protocol**

This item has been deferred and will be considered when the Cabinet Member is able to attend.

3. **Conclusion**

3.1 The Committee is asked to consider the recommendations regarding the preliminary prioritisation of the Work Programme and updates in the report and existing Work Programme.

RELATIONSHIP TO POLICY FRAMEWORK

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.
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CONCLUSION OF IMPACT ASSESSMENT (including Health & Safety, Equality & Diversity, Human Rights, Community Safety, Sustainability and Rural Proofing)

There are no direct implications as a result of this report.
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LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no legal implications as a direct result of this report.
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications as a direct result of this report.
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OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS, such as Human Resources; Information Services; Property; Open Spaces:

None.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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