

**Report to:** Place Scrutiny Committee

**Date of meeting:** 18 July 2022

**By:** Assistant Chief Executive

**Title:** Place Scrutiny Committee future work programme

**Purpose:** To review and agree items for the Place Scrutiny Committee's future work programme and receive updates on previous work.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:** The Place Scrutiny Committee is recommended to:

**1) Review and agree agenda items for the future Committee meetings, including items listed in the work programme in appendix 1;**

**2) Review and agree topics for Scrutiny Reviews to be included in the Committee's future work programme; and**

**3) Review upcoming items on East Sussex County Council's (ESCC) Forward Plan in appendix 2 to identify any issues that may require more detailed scrutiny.**

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## **1. Background**

1.1 The work programme is an important tool in ensuring the correct focus and best use of the Committee's time in scrutinising topics that are of importance to the residents of East Sussex, and the efficient and effective working of the Council. It also provides clarity for those who may be requested to give evidence to the Committee on the issues under review, and the questions the Committee requires answers to.

1.2 Discussion of the work programme provides the Committee with the opportunity to examine topics that it may be of value to scrutinise, and to decide whether further scoping work is required. This provides a basis for deciding the best way of scrutinising a topic, the timescale, and who from the Committee will be involved in carrying out the review work. If there are a number of topics for review, the Committee can determine the priority of the work within the resources available to the Committee.

## **2. Work programme and future scrutiny reviews**

2.1 The Committee is asked to review the items in the current work programme contained in appendix 1 of the report and agree the future agenda items and other scrutiny work of the Committee.

2.2 The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any potential topics for future scrutiny reviews, or agenda items for future meetings, that should be included in the work programme. This can include any topics or issues identified through the Committee's work on the Reconciling Policy, Performance and Resources (RPPR) process.

Updates from Reference Groups and Working Groups

2.3 At the Place Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 23 March 2022, the Committee agreed to receive verbal updates from the Chairs of the various reference groups and working groups that have met since the last Committee meeting. The groups are:

- Highways Contract Re-Procurement Reference Group
- LTP4 Reference Group
- Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) Working Group

### **3. Forward Plan**

3.1 A copy of the Council's Forward Plan of executive decisions for the period 1 July 2022 to 31 October 2022 is included in appendix 2. The Committee is requested to review the forthcoming items on the Forward Plan to identify any issues that may require scrutiny work. The Forward Plan is revised and published on a monthly basis, and Committee members should regularly review the Forward Plan.

### **4. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations**

4.1 The Place Scrutiny Committee is recommended to agree the agenda items and topics for scrutiny reviews to be included in the future work programme. The Committee is also recommended to review the Council's Forward Plan of decisions to identify any issues that may require more detailed scrutiny.

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### **BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

None.