

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18

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ITEM	REPORT DEADLINE/PRIORITY	PROGRESS / COMMENTS	FUTURE MEETINGS
(1) Essex County Council – Local Highways Services and infrastructure (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	All-member briefing made by Essex Highways on 18 July 2017.	External scrutiny of local highway services and infrastructure. Appropriate lines of questioning and scope/focus of scrutiny activity agreed at meeting held on 19 July 2016. All-member briefing made by Essex Highways on 18 July 2017.	6 June 2017; 18 July; 31 October; 9 January 2018; 27 February; and 17 April.
(2) Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme (2017/18)	First meeting of each municipal year (6 June 2017)	To agree the work programmes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and each of the four select committees for 2017/18.	
(3) Corporate Priorities and Key Decisions (2017/18)	First meeting of each municipal year (6 June 2017)	The Leader of the Council to present the Council's corporate priorities and the Executive's programme of Key Decisions for the year and indicate where work on the Cabinet's behalf could be undertaken by overview and scrutiny.	
(4) Directorate Business Plans (2017/18)	First meeting of each municipal year (6 June 2017)	All Portfolio Holders to present the priorities and service challenges from the business plan for their portfolio at the first meeting in each municipal year. This action was met through the consideration of business plans by the select committees rather than the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and will be moved to the select committee work programmes for 2018/19.	

(5) Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	To be determined	Scrutiny of plans for improvement arising from report of Care Quality Commission (October 2016) on its 'inadequate' judgement of the quality of care at Princess Alexandra Hospital, undertaken at meeting on 6 June 2017. Trust to be invited to attend the Committee towards the end of the municipal year to provide a further update on its improvement progress.	
(6) Barts Health NHS Trust (Whipps Cross Hospital) (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	31 October 2017	Scrutiny of service improvements at Whipps Cross Hospital following report of Care Quality Commission in 2015. Representatives of Barts Health NHS Trust attended the Committee in February 2016, when it was agreed that the Trust would update the Committee on progress during 2016/17. The Trust has confirmed that it will attend a meeting of the Committee in the current municipal year.	
(7) Transport for London (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	9 January 2018 (Confirmed)	The Committee has considered the scope and focus of further external scrutiny of Transport for London and agreed that activity be focussed on local TfL bus services. TfL has confirmed that appropriate officers will attend a meeting of the Committee in 2018.	
(8) Epping Forest College (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	27 February 2018 (Confirmed)	To arrange a return visit from Epping Forest College for an update on the progress of improvement plans following report of Ofsted in 2015. The Committee to consider the scope and focus of proposed further external scrutiny of the College.	
(9) Transformation Programme;	Ongoing	(a) Updated Transformation Programme Project Dossier to be reviewed at each meeting of the Committee; and (b) Outturn report to be made to the Committee at last meeting in each year, summarising the project work undertaken during the year and setting out any potential areas for future scrutiny.	

RESERVE PROGRAMME ITEMS

(1) Epping Forest Sixth-Form Consortium (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	To be determined. Carried forward from work programme for 2016/17.	(PICK submission) To review the progress of the new 6th Form consortium set up in the District in September 2015. Originally intended to seek presentation from appropriate head teachers after a year of operation.
(2) Essex County Council (Children's Services) (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	To be determined. Carried forward from work programme for 2016/17.	Recommendation arising from Children's Services Task and Finish Panel requires the Committee to meet with Essex County Council in respect of children's services on an annual basis. The Director of Children's Commissioning attended the meeting in April 2016. Agreed that this be considered further at a later date.
(3) Essex Police/Essex Fire & Rescue Service - Joint Governance (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	To be determined. Possible inclusion in work programme for 2018/19.	To review local operation of joint governance arrangements for Essex Police and Essex Fire & Rescue Service. External scrutiny proposal agreed by Committee on 18 July 2017.
(4) East of England Ambulance Service (Scrutiny of External Organisations)	To be determined. Possible inclusion in work programme for 2018/19.	External scrutiny proposal arising from joint meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Chairmen/Vice-Chairmen (12.9.17). Possible focus of scrutiny activity to include call handling services.