Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel

DATE 16/07/2024

REPORT OF Assistant Chief Executive

SUBJECT Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing

Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 2024/25

STATUS Open

CONTRIBUTION TO OUR AIMS

The scrutiny panels act as a reviewing mechanism for decisions made relating to the strategic policy, performance and resources required to deliver the ambitions of the Council and its key partnerships. The aim of the scrutiny process is to make sure decision making is robust by providing constructive challenge. This contributes to the Council being effective and efficient, and therefore it is integral to the delivery of the Council Priorities.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report reflects work undertaken by the Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel, within the panel's terms of reference, to identify topics to be included in the 2023/24 work programme. The panel is asked to agree the work programme.

1. BACKGROUND AND ISSUES

The appendix to this report summarises the suggested work programme and the panel's likely timetable of activities during 2024/25 to undertake this work. The report will be a live document and progress on each of the work programme items will be monitored throughout the year.

In addition to the work programme items, there will be the opportunity for members to identify agenda items from the forward plan, the Council's quarterly performance and resources report (with a focus on those issues relevant to the remit of the panel) and the tracking of its recommendations.

The panel may also consider any issues it may wish to remove or add to this year's work programme. The panel may also respond to issues of public concern.

Members are asked to consider and agree the work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

2. RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include risk assessment(s) by the author(s) concerned.

3. REPUTATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATIONS

The work programme demonstrates the breadth of matters considered by scrutiny.

4. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

There are no financial considerations included within this report.

5. CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on children and young people as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include children and young people implications by the author(s) concerned.

6. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no impacts on climate change and the environment as a direct result of this report. Any actions which the council may undertake as a result of recommendations made by scrutiny will be the subject of further reports, which will include climate change and environmental implications by the author(s) concerned.

7. MONITORING COMMENTS

In the opinion of the author, this report does not contain recommended changes to policy or resources (people, finance or physical assets). As a result, no monitoring comments have been sought from the Council's Monitoring Officer (Chief Legal Officer), Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance) or Strategic Workforce Lead.

8. WARD IMPLICATIONS

May impact on all wards

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual report of scrutiny 2024/25

10. CONTACT OFFICER(S)

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SUMMARY WORK PROGRAMME : Transport, Infrastructure and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Panel 2024/25

16 July 6.30 p.m.	10 September 6.30 p.m.	12 November 6.30 p.m.	14 January 6.30 p.m.	4 March 6.30 p.m.
Scheduled	Scheduled	Scheduled	Scheduled	Scheduled
 2023/24 Council Plan Year End Performance and Provisional Financial Outturn Report Panel work programme 2024/25 Q1 Equans performance report Corporation Bridge Update Local Transport Plan 	Q2 Equans performance Q1 Quarterly Finance and Council Plan Monitoring	 Work Programme (6 monthly review) Corporate Asset Management Plan and Commercial Estates Plan Electric Vehicle Strategy 	Q3 Equans performance	 Q3 Finance and Council Plan Monitoring Equans Q4 performance Work programme review.

Suggestions for 2024/25 to date (to be scheduled in):

- Concessionary fares survey results and analysis (Survey closes Feb 2024)
- Bus Service Improvement; Partnership & Plan
- Electric Vehicle Strategy
- Electrification of buses (to be removed for this year, potentially an item for 2025-26)
- Flood Risk Management (briefing note suggested)
- Emergency Planning (briefing note suggested)

Joint Panel Work:

Local Plan Review (joint panel with Economy, Culture and Tourism)

Proposed Task and Finish Group:

Affordable and Social Housing Traffic Management

Workshops:

- Informal Work Programme Workshop June 2024
- Budget Workshops Jan 2025