

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

Purpose

- 1 To report on the outcome of discussions, the recommendation of select committees and to present the first draft single overview and scrutiny work programme for approval.

Background

- 2 The Committee considered a report at the last meeting which explained the work that had been done by the chairs and vice-chairs of the select committees in discussions with Cabinet members and portfolio holders to identify priorities linked to the Business Plan where early engagement with overview and scrutiny could add value. The initial outcome of these individual discussions is being reported to the relevant select committees as follows:

Children's Services – 1 October

Management Committee (for corporate services) – 8 October

Environment Select – 29 October

Health – 19 November

- 3 As agreed at the last meeting it was the intention of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee to meet with the chairs and vice-chairs of the individual select committees to discuss priorities in preparation for report to this Committee on 5 November.
- 4 Subsequently a meeting took place on 14 October between Cllrs. Simon Killane, Roy While and Allan Hill (apologies from Peter Edge) regarding Environment Select Committee priorities from the "long list" of topics identified during legacy, member induction, Business Plan and Executive discussion. This was described as a very positive approach and the resulting outcome is reflected in the attached draft work programme. Unfortunately, meetings with the other select committee chairs and vice-chairs have not taken place yet although this report reflects the early priorities from those committees. Cllrs Killane and While are still keen that these meetings go ahead in the near future.

Next Steps

- 5 This first single draft overview and scrutiny draft work programme is set out in the appendix to this report. The layout and how much information is presented has varied in the past including detailed reporting on each individual project. Members may take a view about how they wish to see the programme look in the future. Task group activity is usually reported to each committee in more detail under a specific item. The work programme will be reported to each Management Committee for regular review and update.
- 6 It is important for the Management Committee to also assess the capacity of the non-executive membership to deliver the programme and the resources to support it. Although predominately focused on Business Plan priorities the Committee will no doubt wish to ensure that some space is available for topics resulting from individual member requests, referrals from area boards, call-ins, public/community concerns etc.

Recommendation

- 7 To note the positive work undertaken to date in developing the work programme.
 - 8 To agree the first draft single overview and scrutiny work programme appended to this report.
 - 9 To note that it will continue to be informed through ongoing dialogue with the Executive linked to priorities in the Business Plan and other discussions.
 - 10 To receive an update on progress with activities and to review the content of the work programme at each future meeting.
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