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| Clare James, Corporate Director Resources | Overview and Scrutiny Committee | 16 January 2022 |

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/2023 – update report

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

3. Current and completed work

3.1 Tackling Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Wyre Task Group

The final report for the Tackling Youth Anti-Social Behaviour (ASB) in Wyre Task Group was submitted to Cabinet for consideration.

Democratic Services will provide a verbal update on the outcome of this meeting. In addition, the minutes from the Cabinet meeting held on Wednesday 11 January will be circulated to members when available.

3.2 The Promotion of Self-Care and Social Prescribing in Wyre Task Group

At the last meeting, the committee commissioned a task group to review the promotion of self-care and social prescribing in Wyre. All non-executive members were asked to indicate their interest in joining this task group. As a result, the membership of this task group consists of seven councillors.

The first meeting was scheduled for Thursday 12 January 2023. Councillor Lynne Bowen, Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder, Mark Broadhurst, Head of Housing and Community Services and Carol Southern, Leisure, Healthy Lifestyles and Communities Manager, attended the meeting and set the context for the review.

Democratic Services will provide a verbal update on the discussions held at this meeting.

4. North West Employers Strategic Scrutiny Network Update

- 4.1** On Monday December 12 2022, the North West Strategic Scrutiny Network convened via Zoom to discuss a number of pertinent topics that regional scrutiny committees may be facing.

The issues that local governments are currently facing, such as the Cost of Living Crisis, and the role of a councillor in these situations were discussed. The group discussed emergency plans for dealing with potential problems for residents and shared best practises. Some councils were focusing on information sharing and briefing sessions with councillors on the relevant topics so that they would be equipped with information to share with residents. Other councils had commissioned task and finish groups to review specific issues and identify areas to assist with the crisis. The group also discussed budget surveillance and shared what budget-related talks were going on in their respective scrutiny committees.

Additionally, unscrupulous landlords were the subject of a proposal introduced by Councillor Ballard, the network's Vice Chair. The group was invited to provide best practises on the policies that local governments in the North West have put in place to regulate private landlords and the quality of housing in the private rental sector, such as the Private Sector Housing Enforcement Policies.

The summary notes from the session are attached at Appendix 2.

The North West Employers Strategic Scrutiny Network creates a learning place to share strategic and practical contributions and value learning from others. The network is open to both councillors and officers involved or interested in scrutiny. The date and time of next network will be confirmed in the new year.

5. Work Programme

- 5.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2022/23 is attached at Appendix 1.**

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List of appendices

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2022/2023
Appendix 2 - Strategic Scrutiny in Practice Network Monday 12 December 2022 – summary notes