



Report of:	Meeting	Date
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	27 February 2023

## Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2022/23 – 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. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the report be noted.

### 3. Current work

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

The Promotion of Self-Care and Social Prescribing in Wyre Task Group held its first meeting on 12 January 2023 and received information from the Head of Housing and Community Services, the Leisure, Healthy Lifestyles and Communities Manager and the Leisure, Health and Community Engagement Portfolio Holder on the current work of the council in relation to self-care and social prescribing. The group is to hold future meetings and have requested for more information to be provided from the council's Primary Care Network contacts and local GP practices to review the working relationship with the council.

#### 3.2 Wyre Moving More Strategy

The Wyre Moving More Strategy was unable to be submitted to the February meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as it was not completed in time to meet the relevant deadlines. As a result, it has been requested that this item be brought to a subsequent meeting. Updates will be communicated to members accordingly.

## **4. Work Programme**

### **4.1 Annual Work Programme Workshop**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee attended a Work Programme Workshop on 7 February 2023 to determine possible reviews for the next municipal year (2023/24).

The members comes to a consensus on the following review topics:

- Leisure Activity Provision (#3 on the priority list, to be discussed summer 2023 following the Wyre Moving More Strategy and Leisure Facilities Strategy)
- Business Model and Commercialisation of council assets (#2 on the priority list, to be discussed early autumn 2023)
- Climate Change Progress (#1 on the priority list but awaiting the council's Climate Change Strategy, to be discussed winter 2023)
- Housing (#4 on the priority list, with Mark Broadhurst to bring a briefing note on energy consumption of existing housing stock to a future meeting)

It was also agreed to have a dedicated meeting in the new municipal year on the 2023-2027 Business Plan.

The Work Programme for 2023/24 will be formally agreed at the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 24 April 2023.

A reminder that all members are invited to make suggestions about potential review topics for inclusion in the Programme. Suggestions should be strategic in focus and linked to the achievement of the Council's Business Plan. A special decision-making tool has been designed to help the committee and other members determine whether suggestions meet the minimum criteria and this can be found here:

[https://wyregovuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/DemocraticServices/EbfRzt4e\\_o5AnXg-kN3HcWwBPWuKJZVAqwM-43zoimKtmg?e=3T9Z9z](https://wyregovuk.sharepoint.com/:b:/s/DemocraticServices/EbfRzt4e_o5AnXg-kN3HcWwBPWuKJZVAqwM-43zoimKtmg?e=3T9Z9z). Scrutiny is member-led and without suggestions from councillors about task group topics the Programme will not achieve its purpose. The Work Programme is reviewed at every meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

### **4.2 Citizens Advice Lancashire West**

A reminder to members that the £30,000 Citizens Advice funding will expire at the end of 2023/24.

As with previous years, members may be inclined to review the council's arrangement with Citizens Advice. It has been proposed that this could be a brief, one-day workshop review where members would consider the current agreement and suggest recommendations to Cabinet.

If members want to include this on their Work Programme, it is imperative that this review is scheduled in a reasonable timeframe in order for the budget to be taken into consideration.

**4.3 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 2022/23.