



Report of:	Meeting	Date
Clare James, Corporate Director Resources	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	24 April 2023

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/24 – update and planning report

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1** To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2023/24.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1** That the report be noted.

3. Current and completed work

3.1 Promotion of Self-care and Social Prescribing in Wyre Task Group

Following a suggestion at the O&S Committee meeting held on the 17 October 2022, it was agreed that a task group be set up to look at health and wellbeing in Wyre, specifically to review further opportunities for social prescribing.

The task group's final meeting was held on the 30 March 2023. The group has put forward three recommendations that they believe will help to promote the work of the council's health and wellbeing team and they have agreed that a draft report be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at the earliest opportunity following the elections, with the final report to go to Cabinet in the autumn for consideration.

4. Work Programme

4.1 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 agreed to prioritise 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.

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. 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 The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2023/24 is attached at Appendix 1.

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List of appendices

Appendix 1 – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2023/24