

Report of:	Meeting	Date
Marianne Hesketh, Service Director Performance and Innovation	Overview and Scrutiny Committee	22 July 2019

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2019/20 – update report

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee about the Overview and Scrutiny Work programme 2019/20.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That consideration be given to convening an extra meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in September 2019 for an item about the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny and the implications for the learning and development of the committee.
- 2.2 That the report be noted.

3. Current and completed work

3.1 Public Conveniences Task Group

The Public Conveniences Task Group's report and recommendations were considered by the Cabinet on 26 June 2019. All the recommendations, with the exception of the recommendation to withdraw the use of radar keys in Wyre's public conveniences, were supported.

3.2 Task Group – transport connectivity

The task group that met initially on 15 April 2019 was reconvened following the elections in May, and met again on 2 July 2019. In addition to the eleven councillors who met on 15 April, a further eight councillors have indicated that they would like to take part, bringing the total to an unprecedented nineteen.

Following discussion, task group members agreed that the name of the review was misleading. It is proposed to be known as the 'Poulton to Fleetwood Link Task Group' from here on.

The task group has requested that, as a next stage, a series of meetings be set up with stakeholders.

4. Planned work

4.1 Resident Parking Permit Scheme Task Group

On 3 June 2019 the O&S Committee agreed a draft scoping document for a task group to review the Resident Parking Permit Scheme. An initial meeting was provisionally arranged for 16 July, but it has subsequently come to light that some essential financial information will not be available until after that date. The first meeting of this task group is now likely to take place in mid-September.

4.2 District Enforcement Task Group

The Scrutiny Officer has held meetings with the Street Scene Manager to determine a timetable for bringing a report to the committee and for the subsequent setting up of a task group to review performance. The Scrutiny Officer will provide a verbal update to the committee.

5. Work Programme

4.1 The O&S Work Programme for 2019/20 is attached at Appendix 1.

4.2 Regarding the proposed task group on climate change, the Corporate Management Team is preparing a Climate Change Action Plan and a project team has been set up to look at single use plastics. Once a timescale for that work is agreed, a schedule for scrutiny will also be proposed.

4.3 At the last meeting on 3 June reference was made to a review of various parts of the Council's constitution which is currently being undertaken by independent consultants. The Committee requested that it be given an opportunity to consider and comment on the proposed changes to the constitution (subject to the views of the Corporate Management Team and the Executive) before a report is submitted to Full Council. The original intention was that the review currently being undertaken by the consultants would be submitted to the July meeting of Council, i.e. at the same time as a report on proposed changes to the Councillors Code of Conduct, (included in Part 5.01 of the Constitution) undertaken separately by the Standards Committee. However, the review by the independent consultants has not yet been completed. It is now intended that a report on that review will be submitted to the full Council later this year. As amendments to the Constitution can only be made by the Council the

intention is that the report will be submitted directly to the full Council to consider and make decisions on the recommendations.

5. Other issues

5.1 Modern.gov and paperless meetings

The roll-out of tablets to councillors has progressed well. As with the implementation of any new system there have been some early teething problems but the indications are that these have been resolved, or will be very shortly. It is intended that all meetings from the beginning of September will be paperless.

5.2 Committee development needs

Effective scrutiny requires a process of continuous learning and development. It is a specialised area in which councillors work independently and objectively; ongoing training is a valuable tool in enabling the scrutiny function to operate to its full potential and to be able to make a difference in the delivery of services.

Taking into account the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny, it might be timely for the committee to consider setting aside some dedicated time to discuss the implications of the Guidance and to review its future approach, which might or might not be influenced by the Guidance.

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Appendix 1 Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20

Committee Meetings

(All meetings are held on Mondays starting at 6pm)

Date	Planned O&S Committee agenda items
2019	
3 June	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Election of Chairman. ii. Election of Vice Chairman. iii. Marine Hall update and task group scoping (see O&SC 22 October 2018, minute 30). iv. Business Plan – Quarterly Performance Statement v. Public Conveniences Task Group – draft report vi. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update and planning. To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Overview and Scrutiny training and development for the committee and newly elected councillors. (b) Scoping document – Resident Permits (c) Scoping Document – transport connectivity across Fylde Coast
22 July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Update on health and care developments on the Fylde Coast – Dr Amanda Doyle ii. Lancashire County Council Health Scrutiny Committee. iii. Annual Schedule of planned investment in assets (Service Director Performance and Innovation) iv. Budget consultation (Clare James) v. Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny vi. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.
9 September	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. MyHomeChoice - review of first 12 months of implementation of new arrangements (see O&SC 30 July 2018 and Cabinet 5 September 2018). ii. District Enforcement environmental crime pilot feedback (see O&SC 3 June 2019). This report might be taken in October, if not ready in September. iii. Business Plan – Quarterly Performance Statement iv. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.
21 October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Neighbourhood policing arrangements – review of first 12 months of implementation of new arrangements (see O&SC 30 July 2018, minute 18).

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ii. District Enforcement environmental crime pilot feedback (see O&SC 3 June 2019). This report might be taken in September, if available. iii. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.
2 December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Fees and charges. ii. Cost profiles – benchmarking results. iii. Treasury management. iv. Flooding Task Group - review of implementation of recommendations (Cabinet, 28 November 2018). v. Business Plan – Quarterly Performance Statement vi. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.
2020	
27 January	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Business Plan 2020/21 – Leader and Chief Executive. ii. Annual Schedule of planned investment in assets. iii. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.
16 March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. Wyre Community Safety Partnership – annual scrutiny review. ii. Business Plan – Quarterly Performance Statement iii. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.
27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. O&S Work Programme 2019/20 – update.

Scrutiny task group reviews

Date	Format	Topic
Continued on 2 July 2019	Task Group	Poulton to Fleetwood Link (First meeting held on 15 April 2019).
To start September 2019	Task group	Resident Car Parking Permit Scheme
Provisionally September/October 2019	Task group	Environmental crime – enforcement and members' role (see O&SC 21 May 2018, minute 5)
Late 2019	Task group	Climate change (see O&SC 3 June 2019)
	Possible task group - originally proposed for 2018/19	Support a sustainable future for the fish processing industry

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