

**Report to:** **RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND CHILDREN'S SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**Relevant Officer:** Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager.

**Date of Meeting:** 7 February 2019

## SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

### 1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Workplan, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review and to note the feedback from the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy Scrutiny input.

### 2.0 Recommendations:

2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.

2.2 To monitor the implementation of the Committee's recommendations/actions.

2.3 To note the outcomes from the Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and consider how to monitor the Strategy's implementation.

### 3.0 Reasons for recommendations:

3.1 To ensure the Workplan is up to date and is an accurate representation of the Committee's work.

3.2a Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.2b Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? N/A

3.3 Other alternative options to be considered:

None.

#### **4.0 Council Priority:**

4.1 The relevant Council Priority is:

- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

#### **5.0 Background Information**

##### **5.1 Scrutiny Workplan**

5.1.1 The Scrutiny Committee Workplan is attached at Appendix 8(a). The Workplan is a flexible document that sets out the work that the Committee will undertake over the course of the year.

5.1.2 Committee Members are invited, either now or in the future, to suggest topics that might be suitable for scrutiny in order that they be added to the Workplan.

##### **5.2 Scrutiny Review Checklist**

5.2.1 The Scrutiny Review Checklist is attached at Appendix 8(b). The checklist forms part of the mandatory scrutiny procedure for establishing review panels and must therefore be completed and submitted for consideration by the Committee, prior to a topic being approved for scrutiny.

##### **5.3 Implementation of Recommendations/Actions**

5.3.1 The table attached to Appendix 8(c) has been developed to assist the Committee to effectively ensure that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

5.3.2 Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and follow up questions as appropriate.

##### **5.4 Children's Services Dashboard**

Members of the Committee met with Louise Storey, Head of Social Care and Tony Morrissey, Interim Head of Safeguarding and Principal Social Worker to identify the key data to be included in the Children's Services Dashboard. The aim of the dashboard was to provide statistical analysis to back up the narrative provided by Children's Services reporting.

## 5.5 **Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy**

During 2018, the Council's three Scrutiny Committees considered the draft Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and agreed to establish a task and finish group to study the draft strategy and action plan in more detail in order to feed into its development.

The comments of the task and finish group and the response from Officers and the Cabinet Member are attached at Appendix 8(d).

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

### **List of Appendices:**

Appendix 8(a): Resilient Communities and Children's Scrutiny Committee Workplan

Appendix 8(b): Scrutiny Review Checklist

Appendix 8(c): Implementation of Recommendations/Actions

Appendix 8(d): Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy

## 6.0 **Legal considerations:**

6.1 None.

## 7.0 **Human Resources considerations:**

7.1 None.

## 8.0 **Equalities considerations:**

8.1 None.

## 9.0 **Financial considerations:**

9.1 None.

## 10.0 **Risk management considerations:**

10.1 None.

## 11.0 **Ethical considerations:**

11.1 None.

**12.0 Internal/ External Consultation undertaken:**

12.1 None.

**13.0 Background papers:**

13.1 None.