

Report to: **TOURISM, ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

Relevant Officer: Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

Date of Meeting: 9 September 2020

SCRUTINY WORKPLAN

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 The Committee to consider the Workplan and to monitor the implementation of Committee recommendations, together with any suggestions that Members may wish to make for scrutiny review topics.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the Committee Workplan 2020-2021, taking into account any suggestions for amendment or addition.

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

2.3 To note the outcome of the Adopt An Alley and Active Lives Strategy Review Panels

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure that recommendations/actions are being monitored, 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 N/A

5.0 Background Information

5.1 Scrutiny Workplan 2020/2021

5.1.1 On 9 July 2020 the Committee held a workplanning workshop to identify and agree items for scrutiny during the 2020-2021 Council year. Following this meeting a new Scrutiny Committee Workplan 2020/2021 has been developed and is attached at Appendix 9(a).

5.1.2 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 Monitoring Implementation of Recommendations

5.2.1 The table attached at Appendix 9(c) has been developed to assist the Committee in effectively ensuring that the recommendations made by the Committee are acted upon. The table will be regularly updated and submitted to each Committee meeting.

5.2.2 Members are requested to consider the updates provided in the table and ask follow up questions as appropriate to ensure that all recommendations are implemented

5.3 Scrutiny Review Checklist

5.3.1 The Scrutiny Review Checklist is attached at Appendix 9(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.

5.3.2 The Committee is recommended to place an emphasis on the priorities and performance of the Council when considering requests for scrutiny reviews.

5.4 Adopt An Alley Review Panel

5.4.1 On 11 February 2020, Members of the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee held a meeting to consider the proposed Adopt an Alley program.

5.4.2 The plan had been to support residents and community groups to adopt local alley ways and create community owned spaces in Blackpool. Ms Chloe Shore, Community Engagement and Partnership Manager, presented Members with the draft guidance document which had been developed following the success of a community project

in an alley at Strawberry Gardens near to Belle Vue Place, Blackpool.

5.4.3 The Review Panel had noted the details of the scheme and asked that information regarding its launch event be circulated.

5.4.4 A copy of the review panel's report can be found at Appendix XX(e)

5.5 **Active Lives Review Panel**

5.5.1 On 27 February 2020 members of the Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee and the Adults Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee held a joint review panel meeting to input into the development of the proposed Active Lives Strategy which would replace the Sports and Physical Activity Strategy that had ended in 2019.

5.5.2 The review panel made the following comments to be taken into consideration during development of the strategy;

- That consideration be given to the wording of the strategy so that words such as "Exercise" which could be regarded as being discouraging to some people, where possible be avoided;
- That the strategy encourage the use of Blackpool's seafront and promenade for physical activity;
- That if an app is adopted as part of communicating the strategy, that consideration should be given to making sure that it is attractive for young people, by including elements such as competition; and
- That the strategy should in part have a focus on young people approaching the end of their time in education to encourage them to continue to lead active lives beyond this time.

5.5.3 A copy of the review panel's report can be found at Appendix XX(f)

5.6 **Housing and Homelessness Scrutiny Review Update**

5.6.1 The Committee agreed to establish a Housing and Homelessness Scrutiny Review as part of its 2019/2020 Work Programming, following which a review panel was established.

5.6.2 The review panel held four meetings during 2019-2020 however a fifth meeting and the drafting of the review's final report were postponed by the COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown.

5.6.3 Members of the review recognised that the impact of the lockdown on housing and homelessness to have been substantial, with significant changes in funding and ways

of working.

- 5.6.4 As a result of this it has been agreed by the Chair of the review panel to re-visit the scope of the review and if necessary amend its terms of reference to reflect the changes that have taken place.

Does the information submitted include any exempt information?

No

5.5 List of Appendices:

Appendix 9(a) - Tourism, Economy and Communities Scrutiny Committee Workplan

Appendix 9(b) - Scrutiny Review Checklist

Appendix 9(c) – Tourism, Economy and Communities Committee Action Tracker

Appendix 9(e) – Adopt An Alley Review Panel Report

Appendix 9(f) – Active Lives Review Panel Report

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:

None.