

Report to: **SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP BOARD**

Relevant Officer: Mrs Sharon Davis, Scrutiny Manager

Date of Meeting: 11 March 2021

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORKPLANS

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To consider the workplans of the Board and Scrutiny Committees.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To approve the Scrutiny Leadership Board's workplan adding or amending any items as required.

2.2 To consider an update from each of the Scrutiny Chairs on the workplans of the three scrutiny committees, identifying any comments on their contents for further consideration.

2.3 To request and consider a verbal report from the Audit Committee Chairman regarding areas of work identified for scrutiny consideration.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure the Board carries out its role in monitoring the work of the whole scrutiny function.

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

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None.

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priorities are:

- The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool
- Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience.

6.0 Background information

6.1 Scrutiny Leadership Board Workplan

The revised workplan of the Scrutiny Leadership Board is attached at Appendix 5(a) for Members' consideration.

6.2 Committee workplans

Each Committee held a workplanning workshop in July 2020 in order to form the workplan of their Committee. The workplans are updated on a regular basis and are at Appendix 5(b). They consist of the identified agenda items, areas for strategy/policy development input and topics for scrutiny reviews. The Scrutiny Leadership Board is requested to examine the workplans and identified areas for cross-committee working and any gaps in the topics identified. It is intended that workshops will again be carried out in approximately June 2021 by each Committee to revise the workplans for the new Municipal Year.

Each Chairman will be invited to provide an overview of their Committee's workplan and give an update on progress in regards to ongoing scrutiny reviews.

6.3 Audit Committee input

The Chairman of the Audit Committee is requested to provide a verbal update on any areas of concern identified by the Audit Committee requiring scrutiny attention.

6.4 Does the information submitted include any exempt information? No

7.0 List of Appendices:

7.1 Appendix 5(a): Scrutiny Leadership Board Workplan
Appendix 5(b): Scrutiny Committee Workplans

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 None specific to this report.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 None specific to this report.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 None specific to this report.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 None specific to this report.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 None specific to this report.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 None specific to this report.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None.