Report No: DoR52/22

Eden District Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee 7 July 2022

Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme and Cabinet Work Programme 2022-2023

| Portfolio: | N/A | | | |
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| Report from: | Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee | | | |
| Wards: | All Wards | | | |
| OPEN PUBLIC ITEM | | | | |

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To set out the current and possible future agenda items for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, and in particular to set the Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2022-2023. The report also invites suggestions for possible agenda items from all non-Executive Members.
- 1.2 To note the Cabinet Work programme and consider any items which might benefit from the input of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to the Cabinet making a decision.

2 Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme for the municipal year 2022-2023 be noted and any revisions be agreed.
- 2.2 It is recommended that the Cabinet Work Programme be noted, and any decisions to scrutinise items contained therein be made.

3 Report Details

- 3.1 The work programmes allow all Non-Executive Members the opportunity to suggest possible agenda items for Scrutiny meetings. The agenda items for each meeting will ultimately be determined by the Chair and supported by the relevant service area. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme is attached as Appendix 1 to this report, and the Cabinet Work Programme is attached at Appendix 2.
- 3.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programme outlines known agenda items suggested by Non-Executive Members.
- 3.3 Members are invited to discuss the work programmes and agree any additional items that they would like to receive at their next or any future meetings. The scheduling of agenda items will be undertaken in consultation with the Chair and the relevant service area. Any agenda items should be within the remit of the Committee.

4 Policy Framework

- 4.1 The Council has four corporate priorities which are:
 - Sustainable;
 - Healthy, safe and secure;
 - Connected; and
 - Creative
- 4.2 This report meets the Sustainable corporate policy by ensuring that the Council has good governance arrangements in place and is operating in an open and transparent way, with Members who are kept informed and motivated.

5 Consultation

5.1 Consultation will be undertaken with members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Any non-Executive member is able to add topics to the work programme at any time during the Municipal year.

6 Implications

6.1 Financial and Resources

- 6.1.1 Any decision to reduce or increase resources or alternatively increase income must be made within the context of the Council's stated priorities, as set out in its Council Plan 2019-2023 as agreed at Council on 7 November 2019.
- 6.1.2 There are no proposals in this report that would reduce or increase resources.

6.2 Legal

6.2.1 Scrutiny committees are not decision making bodies. Any recommendations that this committee makes will need to be considered by the appropriate Member decision making body. It is recognised that Scrutiny provides a valuable contribution to strong corporate governance.

6.3 Human Resources

6.3.1 There are no human resources implications associated with this report.

6.4 Statutory Considerations

| Consideration: | Details of any implications and proposed measures to address: |
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| Equality and Diversity | None arising from this report |
| Health, Social Environmental and Economic Impact | None arising from this report |
| Crime and Disorder | None arising from this report |
| Children and Safeguarding | None arising from this report |

6.5 Risk Management

| Risk | Consequence | Controls Required |
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| The Committee can choose not to set a work plan for the forthcoming year. | The Council does not scrutinise topics of public interest or the work of the Cabinet, leading to poor standards of governance and reputational damage to the Council. | That the Committee regularly reviews its work plan and adds to it as necessary. |

7 Other Options Considered

7.1 No other options have been considered.

8 Reasons for the Decision/Recommendation

8.1 Consideration of the proposed work plan allows Committee Members to have a greater sense of ownership over their meetings, which assists with maintaining Member engagement in the decision making process, and helps to ensure that the Scrutiny function continues to address issues of relevance to the Council and its communities.

Tracking Information

| Governance Check | Date Considered |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Chief Finance Officer (or Deputy) | N/A |
| Monitoring Officer (or Deputy) | N/A |
| Relevant Assistant Director/Director | 29 June 2022 |

Background Papers: None

Appendices: Appendix 1 - Overview and Scrutiny Work Plan

2022-2023

Appendix 2 – Cabinet Work Programme 2022-2023

Contact Officer: Karen Edmondson, Democratic Services Manager

The Scrutiny Work Plans are updated at every Scrutiny meeting and contain a list of upcoming agenda items and possible future agenda items. Suggestions for agenda items are welcomed from any non-Executive Councillor. If you would like to suggest an agenda item, please contact the Chairman and lead officer Overview and Scrutiny outlining your suggestion and why you feel it would be a useful agenda item.

Contact cttee.admin@eden.gov.uk

| Item | Action/Scrutiny Function | Report Author | Portfolio | Actions required before next Committee |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--|
| 7 July 2022 | | | | |
| Q4 Performance | Performance | Interim Director | Leader | |
| Management Update | Management | Resources | | |
| Gazprom Update | Scrutiny of Decision | Interim Director | | |
| | Making/Policy | Resources | | |
| | Development and Review. | | | |
| Scrutiny Work Programme | Policy Development and | Chair of Overview and | All | |
| 2022-23 Update | Review | Scrutiny Committee | | |
| Discussion with Portfolio | Scrutiny of Decision | N/A | | Portfolio Holder attendance |
| Holder on their areas of | Making/Policy | | | schedule to be confirmed |
| work | Development and Review | | | |
| | Attendance and items for | | | |
| | discussion to be | | | |
| | determined. | | | |
| Review of Allocation of | Performance | Assistant Director | Leader / Health | T&F Group final/interim report |
| Section 106 funds | Management/T&F Work. | Development | and Housing | |
| (suggested by Cllr | | Chair of Task and Finish | | |
| Nicholson) | Interim Report | Group | | |

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| 1 September 2022 | | | | |
| Discussion with Portfolio Holder on their areas of work | Scrutiny of Decision Making/Policy Development and Review Attendance to be confirmed. | N/A | | |
| Review of Allocation of Section 106 funds (suggested by Cllr Nicholson) | Performance Management/T&F Work. | Assistant Director Development Chair of Task and Finish Group | Leader / Health and Housing | T&F Group final/interim report |

Cabinet Work Programme



| Date decision Due | Matter in respect of which the decision is to be made | Brief Description | Decision Maker | Executive Lead Member | Lead Officer | Public or Private meeting |
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| 24 May 2022 28 Jul 2022 | Capital Grants for Affordable Housing Projects | Key Decision. Reason Key: expenditure greater than £60,000. To seek the approval for the first tranche of projects to allocate commuted sums designated for affordable housing. | Cabinet Council | Housing and Health Portfolio Holder (Councillor Judith Derbyshire) | Interim Director of Resources | Open |
| 21 Jun 2022 | Asset of Community Value Nomination - Crown and Mitre, Bampton Grange | Non-Key Decision. To consider the nomination of an asset of community value. | Cabinet | Housing and Health Portfolio Holder (Councillor Judith Derbyshire) | Assistant Director Communities | Open |
| 21 Jun 2022 | Asset of Community Value Nomination: The Highland Drove, Great Salkeld | Non-Key Decision. To consider the nomination of this premises as an asset of Community Value. | Cabinet | Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor Karen Greenwood) | Assistant Director Legal and Democratic Services | Open |

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| 21 Jun 2022 | Microsoft Enterprise Agreement for Eden District Council with Options for Westmorland and Furness Council | Key Decision. Reason Key: Expenditure greater than £60,000. Provision of Microsoft Licenses for Eden DC, Shadow Westmorland and Furness Council and Options for Westmorland and Furness Council. | Cabinet | Resources Portfolio Holder (Councillor Karen Greenwood) | Interim Director of Resources | Open |
| 27 Jun 2022 | Inspiring Eden Update | Key Decision. Reason Key: significantly affects more than one Council ward area. | Cabinet | Economies and Enterprise Portfolio Holder (Councillor Mary Robinson) | Assistant Director Development | Open |
| 27 Jun 2022 | Poverty Statement | Non-Key Decision | Cabinet | Housing and Health Portfolio Holder (Councillor Judith Derbyshire), Communities Portfolio Holder (Councillor Lissie Sharp) | Assistant Director Customers and Performance | Open |
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| 19 Jul 2022 28 Jul 2022 | Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan | Non-Key Decision To consider the recommendations of the independent inspector in relations to the Penrith Neighbourhood Development Plan. To consider whether the plan should now move forward to a referendum | Cabinet | Leader Portfolio Holder (Councillor Dr Virginia Taylor) | Assistant Director Development | Open |
| 19 Jul 2022 | Penrith Football Club 3G Pitch Project | Non-Key Decision | Cabinet | Communities Portfolio Holder (Councillor Lissie Sharp) | Assistant Director Communities | Open |
| 19 Jul 2022 | Greening Eden Businesses - Grant Level | Non-Key Decision | Cabinet | Councillor Mark Rudhall | Assistant Director Delivery | Open |
| 19 Jul 2022 | Tender for Gym Equipment Penrith Leisure Centre | Key Decision Reason Key: Total funds in excess of £250K. The Gym at the Penrith Leisure Centre is due for refurbishment, this being the responsibility | Cabinet | Councillor Lissie Sharp | Deputy Chief Executive | Open |

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| | | of the Council the funds for this have been within the Councils budgets for a number of years. The procurement process has been followed in full, this Key Decision is to award the contract and confirm the arrangement for the refurbishment of the facility. | | | | |
| 20 Sep 2022 | Quarter 1 Performance Management Report | Non-Key Decision | Cabinet | Leader Portfolio Holder (Councillor Dr Virginia Taylor) | | Open |