

# **Westmorland and Furness Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Date: 10 August 2022**

**Title: Scrutiny Overview Report**

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**Wards:** All

**Key Decision:** No

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## **1.0 Purpose/Summary of report**

1.1. This briefing paper informs members of new or updated items of significance to the Shadow Overview and Scrutiny Committee as well as providing an opportunity to review the Shadow Authority's Forward Plan and consider the Committee's Work Programme.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

### **2.1 It is recommended that the Committee:-**

- (1) review the Shadow Authority's Forward Plan**
- (2) consider the proposed topics for task & finish group activity**
- (3) consider the Committee's Work Programme**
- (4) note the feedback provided to Shadow Cabinet on the baseline blueprints**

## **3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the Forward Plan of Key Decisions from 1 August 2022 to 30 November 2022 for consideration by the Shadow Scrutiny Committee.

3.2 Members of the Committee are asked to consider the options for potential topics for Scrutiny Task & Finish Group activity attached at Appendix 2.

- 3.3 Members are invited to consider the updated Scrutiny Work Programme as it stands at August 2022. Please see Appendix 3 attached.
- 3.4 Attached at Appendix 4 is the feedback provided by the Shadow Scrutiny Members to Cabinet to help inform their consideration of the baseline blueprints on the 22 July 2022.

#### **4.0 Consultation**

- 4.1 The Committee's work programme was considered and agreed by Members at its June meeting which also included discussion on possible topics for Task & Finish Group activity.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options**

- 5.1 The Terms of Reference for the Committee state that the Committee will oversee the Shadow Authority's overall overview and scrutiny function including the preparation, implementation, monitoring and review of an annual work programme for overview and scrutiny. The content of that work programme is for the Committee to decide and agree.

#### **6.0 Implications**

##### **Financial, Resources and Procurement**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications of this report.

##### **Human Resources**

- 6.2 There are no direct workforce implications relating to this report.

##### **Legal**

- 6.3 The Shadow Authority's Constitution sets out the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee at Article 6 with the detailed Procedure Rules contained in Part D.

##### **Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment**

- 6.4 Have you completed a Health and Sustainability Impact Assessment?  
No

6.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: None required

### **Equality and Diversity**

6.6 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis?

No

6.7 If you have not completed an Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons: None required

<b>Risk Management</b>	<b>Consequence</b>	<b>Controls required</b>
No Work Programme in place	Lack of direction for the Committee to enable it to adequately fulfil it's function	Engagement from Members of the Committee on the content of the work programme to ensure ownership

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### **Appendices Attached to this Report**

<b>Appendix No.</b>	<b>Name of Appendix</b>
1	Forward Plan of Key Decisions
2	Task & Finish Group options
3	Scrutiny Work Programme
4	Feedback to Cabinet on baseline blueprints

### **Background Documents Available**

<b>Name of Background document</b>	<b>Where it is available</b>
None	