

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Overview and Scrutiny Committee**  
**Friday, 11 January 2019**  
**Work Programme and Forward Plan**

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<b>Portfolio:</b>	Cllr Vicky Hughes – Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee
<b>Report from:</b>	Debbie Storr - Director of Policy and Resources (Monitoring Officer)
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<b>Wards:</b>	N/A
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	N/A

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**1.0 Expected Outcome**

1.1 An effective and timely work programme will allow the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to maximise the value it can add to the work of the Council and the services provided for residents.

**2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 It is recommended that Overview and Scrutiny Committee:-**

- (1) receives the latest Forward Plan; and**
- (2) notes and/or amends the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's current work programme.**

**3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 The Forward Plan as published on 21 December 2019 is attached as Appendix 1. Of the items on the Forward Plan, the following are currently scheduled to be considered by Overview and Scrutiny Committee prior to a decision being made:-

- Budget 2019/20 to 2023/24
- Council Plan
- Procurement Schedule 2018/19 and 2019/20
- Treasury Management Framework 2019/20 to 2023/24
- Cumbria Public Health Strategy

3.2 Attached as Appendix 2 is the updated Work Programme for 2018/19. Following the previous meeting, the amendments shown below have been made:-

- The homelessness strategy will now be presented to the meeting on 1 February 2019;
- A presentation from a representative of Morecambe Bay NHS FoundationTrust will be received at the meeting on 1 February 2019;

- The 1 February 2019 meeting will also include a presentation from Mr Colin Cox, Director of Public Health, Cumbria County Council on the new Public Health Strategy;
- The Strategic Review of Health and Wellbeing Priority is to be considered following the presentations from Mr Cox and the Morecambe Bay Trust at the February meeting;
- The Economic Growth Strategy has been deferred until later in the year pending input from external partners; and
- The Customer Connect review will shortly be commenced. It is proposed that the group will comprise 7 Members from across the District and the review will consist of 4 meetings in total.

#### **4.0 Consultation**

4.1 The work programme is set by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee following consultation with a number of parties including officers, Members and external stakeholders. The Forward Plan is considered by the Council's Corporate Management Team and the Leader and Deputy Leader of the Council prior to publication.

#### **5.0 Alternative Options**

5.1 There are no alternative options presented.

#### **6.0 Links to Council Priorities**

6.1 The topics on the work programme link closely to the various aims and priorities set out within the Council Plan 2014 – 2019.

#### **7.0 Implications**

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

7.1 Whilst there are no direct financial implications arising from this report, there is a need to resource Overview and Scrutiny Committee and any associated Task and Finish Groups/Workshops. The costs of such resources are drawn from existing budgets.

##### **Human Resources**

7.2 There is a need to ensure that there are sufficient resources to enable the work programme to be supported. The work associated with Task & Finish Groups does require significant officer contribution.

##### **Legal**

7.3 There is a legal requirement for local authorities to operate an overview and scrutiny committee. The committee needs to be effective in its role. By preparing a planned work programme, the Committee can ensure that it has adequate time to properly consider those key areas where it can add greatest value. In turn, this will enable the Council to demonstrate that it has effective scrutiny arrangements in place.

##### **Health, Social, Economic and Environmental**

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No, there are no implications arising from this report. Consideration will be given to any potential implications during reviews.

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons:

- 7.6 Summary of health, social, economic and environmental impacts: There are no implications arising from this report. Consideration will be given to any potential implications during reviews.

### Equality and Diversity

- 7.7 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No, there are no implications arising from this report. Consideration will be given to any potential implications during reviews.

### Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
That Overview and Scrutiny Committee does not monitor its work programme.	Opportunities to add value through additional work are missed.  The work programme is not fit for purpose.	Regular review of both the work programme and the upcoming work of the Cabinet through review of the Forward Plan.

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### Appendices Attached to this Report

(delete if no appendices attached)

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Forward Plan published 21 December 2018
2	Current O&S work programme

### Background Documents Available

None.

### Tracking Information

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Committee	11 January 2018
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
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