

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME

2019/20

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board considers and agrees the work programme and updates it accordingly.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

Date of Meeting	Subject	Additional Information
21st October 2019	Domestic Abuse Policy – Identifying Abuse and Responding Effectively - pre-scrutiny	Picked up from the Cabinet Leader's Work Programme 1 st Oct 2019 – 31 st Jan 2020
	Review of Council Tax Support Scheme – pre-scrutiny	Picked up from the Cabinet Leader's Work Programme 1 st Oct 2019 - 31 st Jan 2020
	Review of Customer Access and Financial Support Service – pre-scrutiny	Picked up from the Cabinet Leader's Work Programme 1 st July – 31 st October 2019
	Customer Services Team – customer services requests – update from the Executive Director Finance & Corporate Resources	Arising following verbal topic suggestion by Cllr S. Colella at meeting on 11 th February 2019. Also agreed at the O & S meeting on 2 nd Sept 2019-
	BDHT to be invited to attend regards how they deal with Customer Service Requests	Agreed at the O & S meeting on 2 nd Sept 2019-
	Overview & Scrutiny Board – Recommendation Tracker	
	Working Group Updates <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Finance and Budget	
	Any Task Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
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<p>13th November 2019</p>	<p>Scrutiny of the Crime and Disorder Partnership</p> <p>NOTE: Liaise with the Community Safety Manager regards inviting relevant stake holders to this meeting.</p>	<p>There is a statutory requirement for the Board to have a meeting dedicated to this subject at least once a year.</p>
<p>2nd December 2019</p>	<p>Overview and Scrutiny – Select Committee Findings and Government Guidance</p>	<p>This item was first considered at the meeting on 10th June and Members agreed to reconsider it at a later date.</p>
	<p>Bromsgrove Sports and Physical Activity Strategy – pre-scrutiny</p>	<p>Picked up from the Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme 1st July – 31st October 2019</p>
	<p>North Worcestershire Economic Growth Strategy – pre-scrutiny</p>	<p>Picked up from the Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme 1st Oct 2019 - 31st Jan 2020</p>
	<p>*Speeding – The Overview and Scrutiny Board to call in representatives of the Safer Roads Partnership to discuss issues with speeding.</p>	<p>*These 3 items were raised as areas of interest at the Work Programme planning event held on 5th June 2019.</p>
	<p>*Recycling – the Overview and Scrutiny Board to receive information about what can and cannot be recycled and how to communicate this to the public.</p>	
	<p>*Dog Mess and Litter – a campaign. This should consider how many fines have been issued.</p>	
	<p>Working Group Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finance and Budget 	
	<p>Any Task Group Updates</p>	
	<p>WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative</p> <p>Cabinet Leader’s Work Programme</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme</p>	
<p>13th January 2020</p>	<p>Joint Staff Survey Task Group – update in respect of the outcomes of the previous staff survey together with information about the new Staff Survey.</p>	<p>Requested by Members at meeting held on 8th July 2019. Next Staff Survey due</p>

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	Any Task Group Updates	
	WCC Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee – update from Representative	
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	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme	
10th February 2020		
	Working Group Updates • Finance and Budget	
	Any Task Group Updates	
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30th March 2020	Overview & Scrutiny Board – Recommendation Tracker	
	Working Group Updates • Finance and Budget	
	Any Task Group Updates	
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	Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme	
27th April 2020		
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Areas Identified at the Work Programme Planning Event held on 5th June 2019 and to be scheduled in to meetings on an as and when basis

Potential Task Groups

- Public Transport / Bus Routes / Community Transport - Members agreed that this subject should be reviewed by a Task Group. The review could focus on public transport provision in rural areas and would require Members to consult with both the bus companies, Worcestershire County Council and BURT.
- Affordable and Social Housing Task Group - This review could focus on the accommodation provided by social housing organisations, planning enforcement and housing development controls and the impact of planning on the green belt.
- WCC LPT4 – It was agreed at the O & S meeting on 2nd September 2019, that this would not be considered by the Strategic Planning Steering Group. Councillor Colella had made the proposal and he had felt that it merited having a Task Group and that it would be positive for newly elected Members to be involved in this Task Group.

Potential Items for Board discussion

- Protecting Local Shops – Members concluded that this was not a suitable subject for scrutiny as stated. However, Members agreed that the relevant Portfolio holder and the Town Centres Manager could be invited to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board to answer questions about town centre economic development. Members agreed that the focus should be on how to increase footfall in the town centres.
- Removal of Early Morning Bus Passes - Members expressed concerns that early morning bus passes had been removed impacting on those travelling to work. Members noted that that there was an ongoing review of public transport and consultation was being held over the summer of 2019. Members concluded that they could revisit the subject of bus passes after this consultation has been completed.
- Town Centre Congestion - A review of this subject should take into account planning enforcement.

Previous Task Groups to be revisited

- Pavement Parking – The Overview and Scrutiny Board to receive an update on the recommendations arising from previous reviews of car parking.
- Anti-Social Behaviour and CCTV – the Overview and Scrutiny Board to receive an update on the recommendations arising from the previous review of CCTV.
- Air quality – The Overview and Scrutiny Board to receive an update on the recommendations arising from the previous review of air quality.
- Homelessness - The Overview and Scrutiny Board could revisit recommendations made by a previous Task Group on this subject.

Outstanding Items and Potential Items for pre-scrutiny

- Demonstration of modern.gov on an iPad together with data regarding paperless agendas.
- Worcestershire Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (HOSC) – To investigate whether HOSC is fit for purpose (possibly invite the Chairman of HOSC to a future meeting.)
- Bromsgrove Market Update – following presentation at the June 2019 meeting, it was agreed that a further update would be received in 12 months' time - schedule in for meeting in June 2020

When considering topics for investigations Members may wish to take into account the Council's Strategic Purposes as detailed below:

Our Strategic Purposes for Bromsgrove

*Help me to
live my life
independently*

*Help me to
be financially
independent*

*Keep my
place safe
& looking
good*

*Help me
find
somewhere
to live in my
locality*

*Provide
good things
for me to
see, do &
visit*

*Help
me run a
successful
business*



**Support services enable us to
deliver our purposes**

For more information view the Council Plan at:
<http://www.bromsgrove.gov.uk/cms/council-and-democracy/council-plan.aspx>



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