

BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL

TO: Annual Council	REPORT NUMBER: BC/20/6
FROM: Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee	DATE OF MEETING: 22 September 2020
OFFICER: Henriette Holloway – Senior Governance Support Officer	

BABERGH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN 2020/21

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee shall forward the approved work programme to Council for information.

2. OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 2.1 No other options were considered.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Work Plan for 2020/21 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee comply with Constitutional requirements.

4. KEY INFORMATION

- 4.1 The role of the Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee is defined as having the key purposes of:
- Scrutinising the work of external stakeholders and service providers.
 - Holding the Cabinet to account.
 - Being the home of "call in".
 - Being the home of Member Call for Action.
- 4.2 The Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee has one Chair and meets every month. Babergh and Mid Suffolk District Councils conduct joint Committees on a regular basis when similar topics have been deemed suitable to be scrutinised jointly. The Chairing of these Committees are alternated between the two Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

5. LINKS TO THE CORPORATE PLAN

5.1 This work programme itself does not link directly to the Corporate Plan. Links to the delivery of the Corporate Plan are considered in the selection of topics for review.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 The main financial implications have been the costs of officer time, normal allowances for Members, and Member and officer training costs that are included in the budget.

7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

8.1 There are no inherent risks associated with this report. The Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee takes account of the Council's key risks when determining its work programme and carry out its reviews.

9. CONSULTATIONS

9.1 Members of the Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee have been consulted on an on-going basis on topics to be included in the future work programme.

9.2 The review of the Scrutiny function has involved consultations with a range of Members and officers including Scrutiny Members, Leaders and Senior Leadership Team.

10. EQUALITY ANALYSIS

10.1 There are no inherent equality implications within this report.

10.2 Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) not required. Equality analysis considerations for individual topics will be included in reports to Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee as the year progresses.

11. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 None

12. APPENDICES

Title	Location
(a) Appendix A - Babergh Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Plan 2020/21	Attached

13. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

13.1 None