

Purpose

1. The Overview Committee is responsible for co-ordinating the County Council's programme of scrutiny work.
2. This report provides Members with the opportunity to propose items for inclusion on the programme of scrutiny and to consider any issues affecting the committees carrying out the programme.

Information

3. The programme of work allows Members to map out scrutiny activity over the coming year and beyond. It assists both officers and Members to prioritise issues of concern or interest and to plan forthcoming reviews. The programme is reviewed at each meeting of the Overview Committee with updates marked in italics.
4. Members are invited to consider the programme and suggest any additional issues for inclusion. In including an item the Committee should seek to ensure that there will be a meaningful outcome from consideration of an item or a benefit to the people of Nottinghamshire. The Committee should generally avoid agenda items that are for information or noting.
5. In preparing this report the Forward Plan has been reviewed by the Chair and Vice-Chairs of the Overview Committee who will report any issues for possible consideration at the meeting. The Forward Plan details key decisions due to be taken by the County Council over the next four months. Members may also wish to refer to the Forward Plan, a copy of which is available from the County Council's Scrutiny Co-ordinator or the Council's website.

6. The Chair and Vice-Chairs have also reviewed the record of decisions taken by Members and officers - who have been delegated authority - since the last meeting of the Overview Committee. These decisions are recorded in a delegated decision log which is open to public scrutiny.
7. Any issues arising from this review such as concerns regarding the quality of decision making, adherence to the principals of decision making or possible areas for Member involvement in the development of policy will be reported at the meeting.

Standing Committees

8. The Overview Committee is responsible for co-ordinating the County Council's overall programme of scrutiny work; ensuring that scrutiny work is not duplicated and advising on the best use of available resources.
9. All three standing committees have an individual programme of work which forms part of the overall programme of scrutiny. The most recent version of the standing committee programmes are included as an appendix to the report.
10. The Chairs of the Standing Committees will be invited to provide Members with a brief update on the progress made since or any issues arising since the last meeting of the Overview Committee.
11. Members should note that the Overview Committee meets every four weeks and the Standing Committees meet every six weeks. This difference in meeting cycles may affect the amount of progress that the Chairs of the Standing Committees can report.

Recommendation

12. It is recommended that the Overview Committee agree the updated programme of scrutiny and consider any issues proposed for inclusion.

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Background papers:

Nottinghamshire County Council Forward Plan for the four month period

Nottinghamshire County Council Delegated Decision Log