

Scrutiny Overview Committee

28 September, 2023

Agenda
Item No.

10.

Co-ordination of Scrutiny Working Groups

Ward(s): All

Portfolios: All

1. Aim

To seek direction from the Committee on the scheduling of scrutiny working groups.

2. Recommendations

That the Scrutiny Overview Committee:

1. Identify the topic of the working group due to commence immediately.
2. Identify the topic of the working group due to commence in January 2024.

3. Report detail – know

A working group is an effective method for Members of Scrutiny Committees to consider a topic in depth over a number of months. The Working Group will produce a report and recommendations to be considered by the Cabinet and/or Council.

During the first round of Overview and Scrutiny meetings two working group topics were identified as follows:

1. Housing standards – suggested by the Scrutiny Overview Committee
2. Primary care access and GP Services – suggested by the Social Care and Health OSC

Due to ongoing resource issues in the Democratic Services team it is possible to support one working group immediately and the other from January 2024.

Delegations in the Constitution give the Committee the authority to lead on the planning and co-ordination of the programme of activities and in-depth studies of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

4. *Financial information*

None directly related to this report.

5. *Reducing Inequalities*

None directly related to this report.

6. **Decide**

The Committee can choose to schedule the working groups described or indeed any further topics that may have arisen in the interim.

7. **Respond**

Once established, membership and terms of reference for the working groups will be agreed and reported back to the relevant Committees.

8. **Review**

Upon conclusion the working groups will present final reports to their parent Overview and Scrutiny Committee for agreement. These reports will then be forwarded to Cabinet, Council or other decision makers for consideration.

Background papers

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