



Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Tuesday 23rd March 2021

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Work Programme 2020/21 and Future Work Programme: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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This report is a summary of the work of the Committee 2020/21. The usual pattern of meetings was disrupted by Covid-19, meetings were held virtually, and this Committee met in September, November, December 2020, January, February and lastly March 2021.

The work programme attached at Appendix 1 is the completed work programme 2020/21, it includes potential items the Committee might like to recommend for inclusion in a future draft work programme 2021/22.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Note the work programme completed 2020/21
- Agree potential items to recommend for inclusion in a future draft work programme 2021/22

Background Papers: [Sheffield Council Constitution](#)

Category of Report: OPEN

Work Programme 2020/21 and Future Work Programme: Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Family Support Scrutiny Committee - Tuesday 23rd March 2021

1.0 What is the role of Scrutiny?

1.1 Scrutiny Committees exist to hold decision makers to account, investigate issues of local concern, and make recommendations for improvement. The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (formerly the Centre for Public Scrutiny) has identified that effective scrutiny:

- Provides ‘Critical Friend’ challenge to executive policy makers and decision makers
- Enables the voice and concern of the public and its communities
- Is carried out by independent minded governors who lead and own the scrutiny process
- Drives improvement in public services and finds efficiencies and new ways of delivering services

1.2 The Centre for Governance and Scrutiny has updated its activity with several blogs and handy advice for scrutiny in Covid-19, and the Covid Act. These can be found on their web pages - <https://www.cfgs.org.uk/> .

1.3 Scrutiny Committees can operate in a number of ways – through formal meetings with several agenda items, single item ‘select committee’ style meetings, task and finish groups, and informal visits and meetings to gather evidence to inform scrutiny work. Committees can hear from Council Officers, Cabinet Members, partner organisations, expert witnesses, members of the public. Scrutiny Committees are not decision making bodies, but can make recommendations to decision makers.

2.0 Work programme 2020/21 and Future Work Programme 2021/22

2.1 The usual pattern of meetings was disrupted by Covid-19, meetings were held virtually, and this Committee met six times in 2020/21. Each year the Committee determines a work programme, which remains through the year. Appendix 1 is the completed work programme 2020/21.

2.2 In practice with previous years the outgoing Committee will highlight potential items to include in a future work programme 2021/22, examples of these are set out in Appendix 1.

3.0 Recommendations

3.1 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Note the work programme completed 2020/21
- Agree potential items to recommend for inclusion in a future draft work programme 2021/22

Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

WORK PROGRAMME 2020/21

Last updated: 15th March 2021

Please note: this version is the completed work programme 2020/21

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Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Officer/s	Agenda Item/ Briefing paper
Tuesday 8th September 2020			
Leisure Re-opening Subsidy - Sheffield City Trust/Places Leisure 809 47	Issue carried forward from last year, Committee requested further information on Sheffield City Trust following the call in from last year. They also requested the report in response to community and residential concerns about the re-opening of facilities following lock down, particularly Ponds Forge.	Cllrs Mary Lea and Terry Fox, Eugene Walker, Ryan Keyworth, Lisa Firth, John Warner	Agenda Item
Tuesday 24th November 2020			
Sheffield Covid Business Recovery Plan – Call in of Cabinet Decision	Brought to the Committee as a call in	Edward Highfield and Alexis Krachai	Call in
Work programme 2020/21		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item

Tuesday 15th December 2020			
<i>Impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic on Bus Services in Sheffield</i>	<i>Discussion item on the impact with representatives from First Bus and Stagecoach</i>	<i>Matthew Reynolds, Transport Planning and Infrastructure Manager, Sheffield City Council</i>	Agenda Item
<i>Work programme 2020/21</i>		<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	Standing Item
Tuesday 19th January 2021			
<i>Update on the Sheffield Plan</i>	<i>An ongoing issue of interest for the committee</i>	<i>Cllr Julie Grocutt, Colin Walker and Simon Vincent</i>	
<i>Work programme 2020/21</i>		<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	Standing Item
Tuesday 23rd February 2021			
<i>Update on Covid Business Response and Recovery Planning</i>	<i>An item of ongoing interest to the Committee.</i>	<i>Cllr Mazher Iqbal, Edward Highfield, Ben Morley</i>	Agenda Item
<i>Work programme 2020/21</i>		<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	Agenda Item
Tuesday 23rd March 2021			
<i>Waste, fly tipping and littering</i>	<i>An item of ongoing interest to the Committee.</i>	<i>Cllr Mark Jones, Gillian Charters</i>	
<i>Work Programme 2021/22 and Future Work Programme</i>	<i>This report provides the Committee with a summary of its activities over the municipal year for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21; and a list of topics which it</i>	<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	Agenda Item

is recommended be put forward for consideration as part of the 2021/22 Work Programme for this committee.

Potential items for future work programme 2021/22

Transport Strategy – Role of cycling

Climate Change

OSMC keeping a watching brief on this

Employability/Inclusive and Sustainable Economy

Review group

Development of Active Sheffield Strategy

Timeline to be determined – initial meet 2020/21, move remaining activity into 2021/2022

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