



## Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018

**Report of:** Policy and Improvement Officer

**Subject:** Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18 draft content and work programme 2018/19

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### Summary:

This report provides the Committee with a summary of its activities over the municipal year for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18. The Committee is asked to consider and comment on this document (Appendix A).

The report also includes topics which it is recommended to carry forward for consideration as part of the 2018/19 Work Programme for this committee.

**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	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

### The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18 - Consider and comment on the Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee draft content - Appendix A
- Forward look on Work Programme 2017/18 - Agree topics in section 2.0 to be carried forward for consideration as part of the 2018/19 Work Programme for this committee; and provide any further comment

**Background Papers:** None  
**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – work programme review 2017/18, scrutiny annual report 2017/18

### 1.0 Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18

- Each Scrutiny Committee will produce a summary of their activity over the past municipal year, for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2017/18. A draft of Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee activity for inclusion is attached - please see Appendix A.
- The Annual Report will also include an overview of the role of scrutiny within the authority and a summary of some of the activities and outcomes across the five Scrutiny Committees.
- The full list of topics considered by this Committee during 2017/18 is outlined below:

<b>Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - List of topics 2017/18</b>	
Hate Crime Task Group - initial response to recommendations of the task group	July
Hate Crime - verbal updates from partners	July
Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks	July
For Information - update report on Financial Inclusion Strategy	July
Challenge for Change - Access to Rehousing Services	September
Update on Welfare Reform	September
Tower Blocks Update - Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks	September
Street Culture ( <i>venue outside Town Hall</i> )	November
Neighbourhood Policing in Sheffield	December
Update on South Yorkshire Police 101 service	December
Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership Board - Annual Reporting	January
Fire Safety in Housing - Progress Update	January
Street Culture Task Group - verbal update	January
Housing +	March
Street Culture Task Group Report of Recommendations	March
For Information: Hate Crime Task Group – update report to scrutiny recommendations	March

- Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee met 6 times in the municipal year 2017/18, including one single agenda item meeting outside the Town Hall at a city centre venue, and set up a Task Group on Street Culture running November 2017 to February 2018.

## 2.0 Forward look on work programme 2018/19

- Below outlines topics which it is recommended as a forward look for consideration as part of the Work Programme for the 2018/19 municipal year.

Possible Topic		Reasons for selecting topic
Hate Crime	Continue to monitor progress and actions in response to scrutiny recommendations across agencies	Coordinator post expected to be in place 2018
Street Culture	Consider the citywide response and actions to scrutiny recommendations	Response expected July 2018
Private Rented Housing Sector	to be developed - e.g. Selective licensing, tower block safety, evictions	Suggested for 2017/18 – understanding the private rented sector in Sheffield to ensure a suitable offer for all

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# Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 2017-2018

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**Chair:** Cllr Chris Peace

**Deputy Chair:** Cllr Penny Baker

**Remit of the Committee:** Housing, Community Safety and Crime, Community Cohesion, Social Inclusion and Locality Management

## Highlights from the work of the Committee in 2017/18 include:

**Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks** – Following the tragedy of Grenfell Tower, London , June 2017, the Committee sought information from Sheffield City Council Housing Services on the position in regard fire safety for our tower blocks, including actions in regard cladding immediately and following results of cladding tests; actions and review of advice in respect of prevention and what to do in event of a fire; and most importantly communications with residents. In July 2017 the committee invited TARAs to attend a meeting and share their views on the Council response. The TARAs welcomed the response and reassurance of the Council following Grenfell, what was important to them was to see that cladding when removed was replaced soon and that the Council continue to communicate with tenants. The Committee have received two further updates in September 2017 and January 2018 and continue a watching brief to ensure tenants in Sheffield feel safe.

**Neighbourhood Policing in Sheffield** – South Yorkshire Police shared their neighbourhood policing plans for Sheffield, the proposed structure that is being implemented over 2017/18, the Committee noted especially the positive, improving relationship with current Sheffield City Council safer neighbourhoods arrangements, the move to increased co-location of police and safer neighbourhoods teams; and members of the Committee took up the offer of a visit to the joint working, co-located Safer Neighbourhoods Service at Moorfoot.

**Challenge for Change** – the committee as in previous years receive the reports of the Challenge for Change Tenant Scrutiny Group. This year they reported on the quality of rehousing Services.

## APPENDIX A: Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-18 – S&SC Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Draft Content

**Hate Crime** – the Committee continue to monitor actions in response to the Committee’s recommendations following the reporting of the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee’s Hate Crime Task Group, who reported back February 2017, there have been update reports to the Committee on progress on actions July 2017 and March 2018.

**Street Culture** – the committee meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November was held out of the Town Hall at the Cathedral Archer Project and representatives attended from a range of organisations, agencies, commissioned and community groups, these included the Council - Cabinet Adviser and officers, Drug and Alcohol Co-ordination Team, City Centre Ambassadors, South Yorkshire Police, Cathedral Archer Project, Sheffield Street Outreach Team, Street Pastor, Soup Kitchen, and Sheffield City Centre Residents Action Group. They were invited to inform on what is street culture and the issues in Sheffield, the latter also included consideration of a petition to Council for a Night Café. The Committee on hearing this range of information decided to set up a task group to gather more in-depth information and operational evidence, the task group reported its recommendations back to the Committee March 2018.

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