



Report to Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee Thursday 13th December 2018

Report of: Policy and Improvement Officer

Subject: Draft Work Programme 2018/19: Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

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The current work programme for 2018/19 is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration and discussion.

The work programme has been updated and items scheduled for the remaining two meetings. Of note is the proposal for January 10th meeting to be given over to *Gun and Knife Crime Open Evidence Gathering Session*. If the Committee wish to add to these they are encouraged to consider prioritisation for 'possible items to be prioritised and scheduled' or additional items in line with the sections of this report that refer to role of scrutiny, determining the work programme.

Where an issue is not appropriate for inclusion on a meeting agenda, but there is significant interest from members, the Committee can choose to request a written briefing.

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

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- Prioritise and agree the work programme

Background Papers: [Sheffield Council Constitution](#)

Category of Report: OPEN

Draft Work Programme 2018/19: Safer and Stronger Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – Thursday 13th December 2018

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 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 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. Also available to members is the Call-In of decisions to the appropriate Scrutiny Committee.

2.0 Legislative Powers relevant to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

- 2.1 Under the Police and Justice Act 2006, every local authority is required to have a Crime and Disorder Committee with the power to scrutinise the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership or Community Safety Partnership as they are now referred. In Sheffield the Crime and Disorder Committee is the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee and the local Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership (CDRP) is the Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership.
- 2.2 The requirements of the 2006 Act were enacted by the Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009 which came into force for local authorities in England on 30 April 2009. Under the Act the Crime and Disorder Committee (in Sheffield the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee) can:
- Scrutinise decisions made and actions taken in connection by the responsible authorities that make up the CDRP / Community Safety Partnership
 - Request information from the responsible authorities
 - Require attendance of officer or employees or responsible authorities to answer questions or to provide information.
- 2.3 The Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership is made up of all the public services in the city, with representatives from the private and voluntary sectors. The Partnership considers issues across the breadth of community safety, such as:

crime, anti-social behaviour, drug and alcohol misuse, community cohesion, preventing offending and reoffending, and protecting vulnerable people.

- 2.4 The bodies represented on the Partnership have a statutory duty to work together to prevent crime and disorder in their area. The Partnership is also required by statutory regulation to produce an annual assessment of the levels and patterns of crime, disorder and substance misuse, and agree an annual partnership plan. This is referred to as the Joint Strategic Intelligence Assessment. The Committee work programme includes an annual reporting item from the partnership in January 2019.
- 2.5 The Police and Crime Panel was established with the statutory function to scrutinise and hold to account the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire. The Committee have at times received an update on the work of the Police and Crime Panel.

3.0 Determining the work programme

- 3.1 Attached to this report at Appendix 1 is a draft work programme 2018/19. this includes provisionally scheduled agenda items, a list of possible items to be prioritised and scheduled. The Committee is encouraged to consider prioritisation for 'possible items to be prioritised and scheduled' or additional items in line with the sections of this report that refer to role of scrutiny, determining the work programme.
- 3.2 It is important the work programme reflects the principles of effective scrutiny, outlined above at 1.1, and so the Committee has a vital role in ensuring that the work programme is looking at issues that concern local people, and looking at issues where scrutiny can influence decision makers. The work programme remains a live document, and there will be an opportunity for the Committee to discuss it at every Committee meeting, this might include:
- Prioritising issues for inclusion on a meeting agenda
 - Identifying new issues for scrutiny
 - Determining the appropriate approach for an issue – e.g. select committee style single item agenda vs task and finish group
 - Identifying appropriate witnesses and sources of evidence to inform scrutiny discussions
 - Identifying key lines of enquiry and specific issues that should be addressed through scrutiny of any given issue.
- 3.3 Members of the Committee can also raise any issues for the work programme via the Chair or Policy and Improvement Officer at any time.

4.0 Meeting Dates 2018/19

- 4.1 Meetings have been scheduled for Thursdays 5-8pm on the following dates:
- 12th July 2018
 - 13th September 2018
 - 8th November (was 11th October 2018)
 - 13th December 2018
 - 10th January 2019
 - 14th March 2019

5.0 Recommendations

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Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

Last updated: 4th December 2018

Please note: the work programme is a live document and so is subject to change.

Safer & Stronger Communities		Thursday 5-8pm	
Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Officer/s	Agenda Item/ Briefing paper
Thursday 12th July 5-8pm			
Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations	Initial Cabinet response to scrutiny recommendations - agreed Cabinet 18.04.2018	Cllr Jim Steinke, Maxine Stavrianakos	Agenda Item
Fire Safety on Tower Blocks, Council High Rise Residential Buildings and including Hackitt Review interim report	Continuing watch on Sheffield response to Grenfell Inquiry (December 2018 possible interim report) and Hackitt review (interim report May 2018)	Cllr Jim Steinke, Janet Sharpe, Jill Hurst	Agenda Item
Draft Committee work programme 2017-18	consideration of a draft work programme for Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 2018-19, including dates of meetings for year	Policy and Improvement Officer	Agenda Item

Thursday 13th September 5-8pm			
<i>Gun and Knife Crime in the city</i>	<i>Scene setting in advance of a scrutiny review: Role of Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership and working together; current issues in Sheffield and how the partnership are starting to tackle the issue</i>	<i>Sheffield CC - Jim Steinke, Maxine Stavrianakos; South Yorkshire Police - Stuart Barton & Una Jennings</i>	Agenda Item
<i>Fire Safety on Tower Blocks - cladding</i>	<i>Receive latest report on cladding</i>	<i>Jim Steinke, Janet Sharpe</i>	Agenda Item
<i>Work programme 2017-18</i>		<i>Policy and Improvement Officer</i>	<i>Standing Item</i>
18th November 5-8pm			
<i>Petition - Make Housing Developers be Transparent About Costs in Sheffield</i>	<i>Petition presented to Cabinet 19th September, to be considered by scrutiny</i>	<i>Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development, Rob Murfin, Chief Planning Officer</i>	Agenda Item
<i>Street Culture Update - Are we ready for Christmas?</i>	<i>Receive a verbal update from Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety on how ready we are in the city for any Christmas peak in Street Culture activity</i>	<i>Jim Steinke, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety; Lead Officers for Help Us Help and Homelessness</i>	Agenda Item

Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Portion (Local CIL)	Call-In of Cabinet Decision 17th October 2018	Jim Steinke, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety; Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development; Dawn Shaw, Head of Libraries, Community Services and Learning & Skills.	Agenda Item
Work programme 2017-18		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
Thursday 13th December 5-8 pm			
London Road, Abbeydale Road & Chesterfield Road (LAC) Selective Licensing – update post implementation	Monitoring the impact of the impact of the scheme over 6/12 months - Cabinet Decision 20th June 2018 - implementation scheduled 1st November 2018 - progress report, issues arising pre implementation	Cllr Jim Steinke, Janet Sharpe	Agenda Item
Challenge for Change: How well is Anti-social behaviour dealt with by the Housing Service	Report to Committee of latest project by tenant scrutiny group - Scrutiny Committee is place for accountability of Council's response to Challenge for Change programme and recommendations	Challenge for Change Tenant Scrutiny Group; Tina Gilbert, Place Business Strategy	
Councillors' Guide on spending the CIL Neighbourhood Portion (or Local CIL)	Consider the Guidance Note - fulfilling Scrutiny Committee Call-In caveat	Jim Steinke, Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety; Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Transport and Development; Dawn Shaw, Head of Libraries, Community Services and Learning & Skills.	

Work programme 2017-18		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
Thursday 10th January 2:30-6:30 pm	Note change in time to accommodate evidence gathering		10th January
Gun & Knife Crime - open evidence gathering session	open invite to submit information online/email, attend workshops with members of the committee - to gather information on solutions and interventions that can reduce this crime, find out has the city got it right	Members of the Committee	open session
<i>Post Christmas - Update on Street Culture</i>			<i>briefing for information</i>
Thursday 14th March 5-8 pm			28th February
Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations Page 40	Rescheduled from October 2018: Council led multi-agency written response to scrutiny recommendations - Services within e.g. City Centre Ambassadors, Homelessness, DACT; Agencies e.g. Archer Project, Framework, SYP - agreed Cabinet 18.04.2018	Jim Steinke, Cabinet Member for Community Safety and Lead Officer and agency representatives	Agenda Item
Selective Licensing Scheme - London Road, Abbeydale Road and Chesterfield Road: Update 4 months into scheme	Monitoring the impact of the impact of the scheme over 6/12 months - Cabinet Decision 20th June 2018 - implementation scheduled 1st November 2018 - progress report, issues/impact during first 4 months of operation	Cllr Jim Steinke, Janet Sharpe	Agenda Item
Reduction and Rough Sleeping Update (Homelessness)	To receive an update on Reduction and Rough Sleeping	schedule for March	TBC

Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19 Draft Content & Work Programme 2019-20	This report provides the Committee with a summary of its activities over the municipal year for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2018-19; and a list of topics which it is recommended be put forward for consideration as part of the 2019-20 Work Programme for this committee.	Policy and Improvement Officer	Briefing Paper
Possible future items for 2018/19 - to be determined			
TBC - Kerslake Review - Manchester Arena Attack	How prepared would Sheffield be? What is in place in Sheffield, any lessons for our system, anything missing?	Lead Member, Lead Officer (Mick Crofts), SYP & other partners to be confirmed	TBC
<i>Move to March or 2019/20 - Universal Credit - update 3+ months of rollout; visit DWP Job centres</i>	<i>Update after 3+ months roll out, before/after numbers attending foodbanks - Indications of impact of implementation, potential impact on family cohesion and domestic violence, gaps in provision; and housing evictions - a Council position/policy response to Universal Credit for Council housing, any role in private rented.</i>	<i>TBC</i>	<i>TBC</i>
Hate Crime Action Plan	Reporting on Hate Crime action plan and progress - a recommendation of Hate Crime Task Group		TBC
Sheffield Cohesion Strategy	Carry forward from last year's to be scheduled work programme list and forthcoming decisions - now Sheffield Cohesion Charter		TBC
Neighbourhood Working - A New Approach for Sheffield	The committee received a report on 16th February, and they agreed to request an interim update 3-6 months into implementation of the new model. New timeline required from lead Cabinet Member		TBC

Drug Strategy	Executing the strategy		TBC
Challenge for Change - progress on responses to Challenge for Change Recommendations	Review of progress and Council's response to Challenge for Change recommendations across full programme		TBC
Homes for all - Housing Strategy Update and New Homes Delivery Plan – HRA Business Plan	To consider the updated strategy and delivery plan for homes in Sheffield – role of HRA Business Plan	Lead Officer - Janet Sharpe	TBC
<i>Affordable Housing</i>	<i>How can we get housing in the city that is affordable to Sheffield people? Though national rank places Sheffield as affordable, local average wage makes housing unaffordable for large proportion of Sheffield population, this is about responding to city fairness and equality, and Making Sheffield Fairer</i>	<i>Cabinet Report due</i>	TBC
Onward work programme			
<i>Community Safety Partnership</i>	<i>Statutory role for the Committee: Annual Reporting - Council has a legal responsibility to annually scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership</i>	Full Council 9th January 2019	TBC
<i>TBC - Street Culture - begging</i>	<i>Continuing Street Culture activity following on from 2017/18 task group - to examine impact of street culture (rough sleeping/begging) on the city centre economy - other agencies e.g. BID, City Growth</i>	Dependent on Multi-Agency response to committee's recommendations	TBC

<i>TBC - Street Culture - health response and provision</i>	<i>Continuing Street Culture activity following on from 2017/18 task group - seek a health services response to the street culture task group findings and recommendations - understanding health provision and requirements. Invite comment from public health, SHSC Trust, STH, health and wellbeing board (possible joint activity with HASC Scrutiny Committee)</i>	<i>Dependent on Multi-Agency response to committee's recommendations</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Move to 2019/20 programme:</i> <i>Private Rented Housing Sector</i>	<i>Increase in % of private rented sector in Sheffield (PRS); Cost and Quality - Mitigations, standards e.g. Selective Licensing, private landlords</i>	<i>Move to 2019/20 programme</i>	<i>TBC</i>
<i>Move to 2019/20 programme:</i> New <i>Housing Repairs Service</i>	<i>A 2 years post in-source update; What impact did it have in-sourcing, what does it look like now, and for the future</i>	<i>Lead Officer - Neil Dawson</i>	<i>TBC</i>

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