



## Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019

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**Report of:** Policy and Improvement Officer

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**Subject:** Draft Work Programme 2019/20

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At the start of the municipal year each scrutiny and policy development committee determine and agree a work programme. This report aims to assist the Committee in determining this, and includes a summary of the role of scrutiny and legislative powers for Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee.

An initial work programme 2019/20 for Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration and includes two long lists of items for prioritisation. Appendix 2 provides a log of the issues looked at by this Committee in 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19.

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**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:**

- Consider, identify, prioritise and agree topics for inclusion in the work programme 2019/20

**Background Papers:** [Sheffield Council Constitution](#)

**Category of Report:** OPEN

## **Draft Work Programme 2019/20: Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee - Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

### **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.

### **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 usually considers an annual reporting item from the partnership, and would expect this January/March 2020. The work programme could incorporate a more present through the year scrutiny of Sheffield's community safety partnership (The Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership).
- 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 an initial work programme 2019/20, and two long lists of items to be considered, agreed, added to, prioritised for 2019/20. For background information a log of topics over recent years is attached at Appendix 2.
- 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 2019/20**

4.1 Meetings have been scheduled for Thursdays 5-7pm on the following dates:

- 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019
- 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019
- 12<sup>th</sup> December 2019
- 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020
- 12<sup>th</sup> March 2020

#### **5.0 Recommendations**

5.1 The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

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**Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee**

***DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2019/20***

**Last updated:** 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019

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

<b>Safer &amp; Stronger Communities</b>		<b>Thursday 5-7pm</b>	
<b>Topic</b>	<b>Reasons for selecting topic</b>	<b>Lead Officer/s</b>	<b>Agenda Item/ Briefing paper</b>
<b>Thursday 11th July 5-7pm</b>			
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue draft Integrated Risk Management Plan	Consideration of implications of this draft plan currently out to consultation, especially in light of the matters raised by a petition presented to Full Council 12th June 2019	South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue - Chief Fire Officer and Director of Support Services, Area Manager, Head of Response	<b>Agenda Item</b>
Fire Service Cuts - Petition to Council 12th June 2019	Full Council received a petition on the Fire Service Cuts proposed through the Integrated Risk Management Plan and referred matters raised by the petition to scrutiny for consideration	Lead Petitioner - Neil Carbutt, Fire Brigade Union (FBU)	<b>Agenda Item</b>

Work Programme 2019/20 including Gun and Knife Crime Review draft report of work to date and findings 2018/19	Consideration of a draft work programme for Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 2019/20	Policy and Improvement Officer	<b>Agenda Item</b>
<b>Thursday 19th September 5-7pm</b>			
Abbeydale 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 10 months on from implementation	Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Community Safety, Neighbourhood Intervention and Tenant Support Team, Place	
Work programme 2019/20		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
<b>Thursday 24th October 5-7pm</b>			
Work programme 2019/20		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
<b>Thursday 12th December 5-7 pm</b>			
Work programme 2019/20		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item

Thursday 16th January 5-7pm			
Work programme 2019/20		Policy and Improvement Officer	Standing Item
Thursday 12th March 5-7 pm			
Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20 Draft Content & Work Programme 2020/21	This report provides the Committee with a summary of its activities over the municipal year for inclusion in the Scrutiny Annual Report 2019/20; and a list of topics which it is recommended be put forward for consideration as part of the 2020/21 Work Programme for this committee.	Policy and Improvement Officer	
Long list 1: Outstanding items for 2018/19 - to consider for inclusion in 2019/20 work programme			
Move to March or 2019/20 - Universal Credit - update 3+ months of rollout; visit DWP Job centres	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.	TBC	TBC
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
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
Affordable Housing	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	Cabinet Report due	TBC
<b>Long list 2: Items to consider for inclusion in 2019/20 work programme</b>			
<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>	<b>Full Council 9th January 2019</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<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>	<b>Dependent on Multi-Agency response to committee's recommendations</b>	<b>TBC</b>



<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>	<b><i>Dependent on Multi-Agency response to committee's recommendations</i></b>	<b><i>TBC</i></b>
<i>Gun and Knife Crime Review</i>	<i>Further work following the initial work and findings of the Committee 2018/19</i>		
<b><i>Move to 2019/20 programme:</i></b> <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>	<b><i>TBC</i></b>
<b><i>Move to 2019/20 programme:</i></b> <i>TBC - Kerslake Review - Manchester Arena Attack</i>	<i>How prepared would Sheffield be? What is in place in Sheffield, any lessons for our system, anything missing?</i>	<i>Lead Member, Lead Officer (Mick Crofts), SYP &amp; other partners to be confirmed</i>	<b><i>TBC</i></b>
<b><i>Move to 2019/20 programme:</i></b> <i>Drug Strategy</i>	<i>Executing the strategy</i>		<b><i>TBC</i></b>
<b><i>Move to 2019/20 programme:</i></b> <i>New 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>	<b><i>TBC</i></b>

## Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee - Log of Topics – 2015/16, 2016/1, 2017/18

Topic	Year	Month
Challenge for Change: Community Engagement Report	2016/17	July
The role and remit of the Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee	2016/17	July
Work Programme 2016/17	2016/17	July
Housing and Planning Act 2016 Update	2016/17	September
Call in of Cabinet Member decision: Asset of Community Value Nomination - The University Arms	2016/17	October
Library Review 2016 – Future support arrangements for volunteer run libraries	2016/17	October
Sheffield City Council's Draft Cohesion and Integration Strategy and Action Plan	2016/17	October
Hate Crime and Hate Incidents 2015/16 - Briefing Paper	2016/17	October
The Work of the Police and Crime Panel - Briefing Paper	2016/17	October
Challenge for Change: The Council Housing Service's Preparation for the Implementation of Universal Credit	2016/17	December
Welfare Reform Update	2016/17	December
Financial Inclusion	2016/17	December
Hate Crime Task Group - verbal update	2016/17	December
Briefing Paper - Hate Crime and Hate Incidents: 1 November 2014 - 31 October 2016	2016/17	December
Safer & Sustainable Communities Partnership	2016/17	February
Neighbourhood Working: a new approach for Sheffield	2016/17	February
Hate Crime Task Group – Draft Report	2016/17	February
Briefing Paper - Hate Crime and Hate Incidents 1st Feb 2015 – 30th Jan 2017	2016/17	February
Housing + Model and Implementation	2016/17	April
Challenge for Change: Vacant Property Service	2016/17	April
Call-in – Approval of new Houses of Multiple Occupancy (HMO) Licensing standards	2016/17	April
Briefing Paper - Police & Crime Panel Update	2016/17	April
Briefing Paper - Hate Crime and Hate Incidents	2016/17	April
Briefing Paper - Scrutiny Annual Report 2016-17 Draft Content & Work Programme 2017-18	2016/17	April
Hate Crime Task Group - initial response to recommendations of the task group	2017/18	July
Hate Crime - verbal updates from partners	2017/18	July
Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks	2017/18	July
For Information - update report on Financial Inclusion Strategy	2017/18	July
Challenge for Change - Access to Rehousing Services	2017/18	September
Update on Welfare Reform	2017/18	September
Tower Blocks Update - Fire Safety on Council High Rise Residential Blocks	2017/18	September
Street Culture ( <i>venue outside Town Hall</i> )	2017/18	November

Neighbourhood Policing in Sheffield	2017/18	December
Update on South Yorkshire Police 101 service	2017/18	December
Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership Board - Annual Reporting	2017/18	January
Fire Safety in Housing - Progress Update	2017/18	January
Street Culture Task Group - verbal update	2017/18	January
Housing+ review and progress	2017/18	March
Street Culture Task Group report of recommendations	2017/18	March
Scrutiny Annual Report 2017-18 Draft Content & Work Programme 2018-19	2017/18	March
FOR INFORMATION: Hate Crime - update report in response to Committee recommendations	2017/18	March
Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations	2018/19	July
Fire Safety on Tower Blocks, Council High Rise Residential Buildings and including Hackitt Review interim report	2018/19	July
Gun and Knife Crime in the city - scene setting with CSP & SYP	2018/19	September
Fire Safety on Tower Blocks - latest report on cladding	2018/19	September
Petition - Make Housing Developers be Transparent About Costs in Sheffield	2018/19	November
Street Culture Update - Are we ready for Christmas	2018/19	November
Call-In of Cabinet Decision: Community Infrastructure Levy Neighbourhood Portion (Local CIL)	2018/19	November
London Road, Abbeydale Road & Chesterfield Road (LAC) Selective Licensing - update post implementation	2018/19	December
Challenge for Change: How well is Anti-social Behaviour dealt with by the Housing Service	2018/19	December
Councillor's Guide on spending the CIL Neighbourhood Portion (Local CIL)	2018/19	December
Gun and Knife Crime - open evidence gathering session	2018/19	January
Sheffield Community Safety Partnership - Annual Reporting	2018/19	March
Rough Sleeping Initiative	2018/19	March
Street Culture Task Group Committee Recommendations- progress update	2018/19	March
Scrutiny Work Programme Review 2018/19	2018/19	March

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