Recommendation from the Executive - 21 March 2024

Executive Minute reference 78

Overview and Scrutiny Proposed Annual Work Programme 2024/25

The Leader, Councillor Biggs, introduced the draft Overview and Scrutiny Proposed Annual Work Programme 2024/25 report and Annex 1.

The Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee, Councillor Harrison, told the Executive that much of the business carries on from year to year. There were three items which had been carried forward from previous years which the Committee hoped would be discussed this coming year. There had been a suggestion from Committee Members to scrutinise wastewater. He would work with the Managing Director as to how to go about this as a topic of interest. It was noted that the scope of the reviews would need to be set which the Committee would do.

The Leader, Councillor Biggs, thanked the Chair, Councillor Harrison, and the Committee Members for their work throughout the year. It was a busy programme, and the meetings were full, but the Committee was always insightful and useful. This was a benefit to the work of the Council. The Leader thanked the Committee for its work.

A Visiting Member commented that it was important that the Committee reviewed the carry over items and scrutinise these topics. Both leisure and greenspaces were vital issues, and it was a real benefit to residents to be able to scrutinise the work.

Councillor Harrison noted that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee was ready and willing to review these topics, when the Executive and officers had plans which were available for scrutiny.

RESOLVED – that the Executive RECOMMEND to Council:

(i) To agree the proposed Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2024/25 as set out at Annex 1 and detailed in the report be approved.