

Harborough District Council

Report to the Scrutiny Commission Meeting of 5th February 2024



Report Number:	2
Title:	Updated Scrutiny Workplan
Status:	Public report
Key Decision:	No
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Appendices:	Appendix A – Draft Scrutiny Workplan Appendix B – Council’s Forward Plan Appendix C - Scrutiny Commissioning Aid

Executive Summary

The updated Work-plan has been populated using a combination of items previously referred to Scrutiny from various sources, officer or member-led items, and statutory items.

Recommendations

1. To agree the Scrutiny Work-plan attached at Appendix A.

Reasons for Recommendations

1. Consideration and agreement of the updated Scrutiny Work-plan.
2. To create Scrutiny Task and Finish Groups, as required.

1. Purpose of Report

Consideration of the updated Scrutiny Work-plan for the few months prior to Annual Council will facilitate Council business and the achievement of the identified 2023/24 priorities and enable Scrutiny Commission members and officers to plan work efficiently.

2. Background



2.1 The Scrutiny Commissioner and the Democratic Officer have drafted the Work-plan. The Work-plan has been populated using a combination of items previously referred to Scrutiny from various sources, officer or member-led items, and statutory items.

3. Details

3.1 The Council's Forward Plan is attached at Appendix B. Its inclusion allows the Commission to identify known decisions which will be made by the Cabinet in the next few months and to identify if Scrutiny involvement can add value to the debate.

3.2A Scrutiny Commissioning Aid is attached at Appendix C. The inclusion of the Aid is there to assist the Commission in prioritising its workload.

4. Implications of Decisions

4.1. Corporate Priorities

The formal decision-making process supports all of the Corporate Priorities.

4.2. Financial

No direct financial implications arise directly from this report.

4.3. Legal

Harborough District Council's Constitution requires that the Scrutiny Commission will ensure "a consistent Work-plan for each Panel and allocate the work to the Panel with the relevant list of activities or as it otherwise sees fit" (Article 7, 7.01, b, Harborough District Council Constitution).

4.4. Policy

The Council needs to ensure that it has an appropriate Scrutiny work-plan in place in order that Scrutiny can hold the Cabinet to account, undertake policy development, contribute to improved decision-making, and channel the voice of the public.

4.5. Environmental Implications including contributions to achieving a net zero carbon Council by 2030

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.6. Risk Management

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.7. Equalities Impact

None as far as this report is concerned.

4.8. Data Protection

No data protection issues arise directly from this report.

5. Summary of Consultation and Outcome

The draft Work-plan has been prepared in conjunction with Corporate Management Team, report authors and the Chairman of the Scrutiny Commission.

6. Alternative Options Considered

Not applicable.

7. Background papers

None.