

Report to Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board

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Subject:	Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2023/24
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1 Recommendations







- 1.1 That the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2023/24 be approved.
- 1.2 That the Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board determine if it wishes to establish any working group(s) and, if so, the membership thereof.

2 Reasons for Recommendations

- 2.1 The Board is asked to approve its work programme for 2023/24 taking into account where scrutiny can add value, strengthen decision making to enhance services that the Council delivers and aligns to the Vision 2030 and objectives of the Corporate Plan.



3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

		Effective governance arrangements support the delivery of all corporate objectives
		
		

4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The relevant Director(s) were invited to attend a training and work programming session on 12 June 2023 for overview and scrutiny members. This included an overview of the services, key issues and priorities relevant to the Board’s terms of reference.
- 4.2 A list of items identified during the year for scrutiny and pre-decision items and any suggestions received from the public were considered during the work programming events by the individual Scrutiny Boards.

5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 If the Scrutiny Board does not determine a work programme, the opportunity to review policies and services will not be realised meaning that improvements, savings and income generation possibilities may be missed.

6 Implications

Resources:	The Scrutiny function is directly supported by the Council’s Statutory Scrutiny Officer and Democratic Services Officers within the Council’s Law and Governance directorate. Additional technical expertise and evidence on specific matters will be provided by officers within the various directorates of the authority.
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	The strategic resource implications of topics selected for scrutiny will be identified and reported to the Board at future meetings.
Legal and Governance:	Local Government Act 2000 states that Councils operating executive arrangements must also make provision for the appointment of overview and scrutiny committees. Further powers relating to overview and scrutiny are set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006, the Localism Act 2011, the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 and the Health and Social Care Act 2012. Any legal and governance implications of topics selected for scrutiny will be identified and reported to the Board at future meetings.
Risk:	Any implications of topics selected for scrutiny will be identified and reported to the Board at future meetings.
Equality:	
Health and Wellbeing:	
Social Value:	
Climate Change:	
Corporate Parenting:	

7. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Safer Neighbourhoods and Active Communities Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2023/24.

8. Background Papers

None.

