

TITLE OF REPORT:	Annual Work Programme
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Summary

This report sets out the provisional work programme for the Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Sub-Committee for the municipal year 2018/19.

Background

1. Every year each Overview and Scrutiny Committee draws up a work programme based on the Council's policy framework which is then agreed by the Council as part of the policy planning process
2. The Sub- Committee's work programme is a rolling programme which sets the agenda for its quarterly meetings. It is the means by which it can address the interests of the local community, focus on improving services and seek to reduce inequalities in service provision and access to services.
3. In May 2014 the Council agreed to establish the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee with a Community Safety Sub – Committee to carry out the following functions on its behalf:-
 - to perform the Overview and Scrutiny role in relation to the safety of communities and people in the Borough, including the functions of the crime and disorder committee as set out in the Local Government Act 2000 and associated regulations.
4. The provisional work programme for this Sub – Committee for 2018-19 is attached. (Appendix 1) and has taken account of the following:-
 - Six-monthly performance reporting
 - The Thrive Agenda and the Council Plan and partnership work generally
 - Current issues referred to Committees
 - Legislative provisions and guidance on the Councillor Call for Action
5. This year, as part of changes piloted to ensure the continued effectiveness of Overview and Scrutiny in Gateshead there has been enhanced engagement and involvement with OSC members in shaping the focus of the work of specific OSCs via a specific work programme event. At that event, councillors had regard to the key issues/challenges/legislative changes affecting the work of the Council within the forthcoming twelve months which fall within the remits of each specific OSC and the five pledges under the Thrive agenda:-
 - Put people and families at the heart of everything that we do

- Tackle inequality so people have a fair chance
 - Support our communities to support themselves and each other
 - Invest in our economy to provide sustainable opportunities for employment, innovation and growth across the borough
 - Work together and fight for a better future for Gateshead.
6. The Council has consulted partner organisations on the emerging themes for all OSCs for 2018-19.

Recommendations

8. The Sub -Committee is asked to
- a) Endorse the Sub -Committee's provisional work programme for 2018/19 attached at Appendix 1, and refer it to Council on 24 May 2018 for agreement.
 - b) Note that further reports will be brought to the Committee to identify any additional issues which the Committee may be asked to consider.