



COUNCIL MEETING

26 May 2016

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

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PROVISIONAL WORK PROGRAMMES

Purpose of the Report

1. This report asks the Council to approve its Overview and Scrutiny Committees provisional work programmes for 2016-17.

Proposal

2. Corporate Resources, Communities and Place, Families and Care, Health and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committees and Community Safety Sub and Corporate Parenting Sub OSCs have considered and agreed their work programmes at their respective meetings held on 11, 14, 18 and 19 April 2016 and 21 and 22 March 2016.
3. Each Committee endorses a provisional work programme for 2016/17 based on the Council's policy framework and these are set out in Appendix 1. The Council's constitution requires that these work programmes are agreed on an annual basis by the Council.
4. These programmes are provisional for a number of reasons:

Firstly, as Cabinet has not had the opportunity to fully review its current work programme and there may be further issues which it may wish to refer to Overview and Scrutiny Committees for consideration.

Secondly, the work programmes do not take into account any new policy issues which may be identified during the year which Cabinet may refer to Overview and Scrutiny.

In addition, the programmes do not as yet include issues identified by councillors of the respective Committees during the year as a result of ongoing scrutiny of decisions, councillor calls for action and call-in.

Revisions to the work programmes of the respective Committees are therefore likely to occur from time to time and will be reported back to those Committees as and when appropriate.

Recommendation

5. The Council is recommended to approve the provisional work programmes for the Overview and Scrutiny Committees for 2016/2017.