



COUNCIL MEETING

20 July 2023

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMMES

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Purpose of the Report

1. This report asks the Council to approve its Overview and Scrutiny Committees provisional work programmes for 2023/24.

Proposal

2. Corporate Resources OSC, Care, Health and Wellbeing OSC, Families OSC and Housing, Environment and Healthier Communities OSC have considered and agreed their work programmes at their respective meetings held on 12, 13, 15 and 19 June 2023.
3. Each Committee endorsed a provisional work programme for 2023/24 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 2023/24.

Draft Corporate Resources OSC Work Programme 2023-24	
12 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management & Improvement Framework – Year End Performance 2022-23 • Resilience and Emergency Planning annual update (<i>including focus on strength/robustness of our response to emergencies, caused by climate change, including the power network, thinking about high winds - damaging power lines, felling trees; flood risks during heavy rainfall</i>) • Work Programme
4 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and Safety Performance – Annual report • Update on voluntary sector resilience (<i>to focus on how voluntary sector is surviving in challenging financial times</i>) • Corporate Asset Management Plan – Update • Work Programme
16 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget annual report including saving delivery • Review of Community Wealth Building – Six Monthly Monitoring Report • Digital and online services • Work Programme
27 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management & Improvement Framework –2023-24 - Six Month Update • Annual report on implementation of Workforce Strategy – (<i>focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>age and gender profile</i> - <i>where vacancies are / age groups</i> - <i>why people are leaving</i> - <i>sickness, health of workforce, and other equality issues reporting</i> - <i>impact of hybrid working in terms of the fairness of sickness absence management between front line staff and office / home working staff</i>) • Work Programme
22 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impacts of world events (<i>including Brexit, legacy of Covid, conflict in Ukraine etc</i>) • Implementation of the Council's Fuel Poverty Action Plan • Work Programme
March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Asset Management Plan Annual Update (<i>potential to focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>use of assets in terms of efficiency and/or safety</i> - <i>use of the Civic Centre – whether there are plans to actively market the vacant space</i>) • Review of the Budget Management Process (<i>to focus on why overspend is usually forecast in Q3 and expenditure reduced to bring the budget back in line</i>) • Work Programme

15 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information Governance annual update • Review of Community Wealth Building – Six Monthly Monitoring Report • The geographical distribution of the Capital Programme – • Capturing wider regeneration benefits of Gateshead Quays (<i>to explore the benefits of a wider geographical area including the Old Town Hall, the Town Centre, Baltic Quarter etc</i>) • Work Programme
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Issues to Slot In –

- Development of PMIF presentation format / members training

Draft Care, Health and Wellbeing OSC Work Programme 2023-24	
13 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management and Improvement Framework- Year End Performance 2022-23 • Work to Attract and Retain a multi professional Workforce /Access to GP Appointments (<i>focusing on how different practices manage demand that they cannot fulfil; same-day appointments only; in person and phone appointments; access barriers to appointments via landline, mobiles and online booking and any particular groups experiencing difficulty securing appointments / update to include patient satisfaction data broken down to each surgery if possible / information on whether younger GPs coming into the profession in Gateshead prefer to be directly employed NHS Workers/ salaried GPs or the traditional GP business model</i>) • PH update on the £5m grant to research inequalities • OSC Work Programme
12 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Departmental Strategy and Delivery Plan • Demand pressures on social care services • Social Services Annual Report on Complaints and Representations – Adults • Annual Report of Local Adult Safeguarding Board and Business Plans & emerging priorities • OSC Work Programme
24 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hospital discharge and residential care numbers • Social Care Recruitment • Health and Wellbeing Board / Better Care Fund –Update • CQC Maternity Inspection Report • CQC Assurance • OSC Work Programme
5 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management and Improvement Framework – Six Month Update – 2023-24 • Care Home model • Extra Care/Supported Living models • The Newcastle and Gateshead Persistent Physical Symptoms Service (PPSS) • OSC Work Programme
23 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthwatch Gateshead – Annual Update • Home Care Model • Strengths Based Approaches • OSC Work Programme
12 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on work to tackle Health Inequalities in Gateshead • Support with the menopause, menstrual cycle problems and post-partum mental health issues: access to specialist support and variations of approach across Gateshead GP practices – • CQC Assurance • OSC Work Programme

16 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Co Production• Health and Wellbeing Board – Update• OSC Work Programme
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Issues to slot in –

- **The new LPS (Liberty Protection Safeguards) Update**
- **Sister Winifred Laver Promoting Independence Centre (Visit in Autumn 2023)**

DRAFT Families OSC Work Programme 2023-24	
15 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trauma Informed Care Report • Performance Management and Improvement Framework – Year End Performance 2022-23 • Children’s Safeguarding Partnership Annual Report – Plans and Emerging Priorities • LADO Annual Report • Corporate Parenting Board Annual Update • Work Programme
7 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of Youth Justice Service Inspection with Action Plan • Social Services Annual Report on Complaints and Representations – Children • Progress on delivering Early Help and Prevention Strategy <i>(to include Family Hub development; delivery of Healthy Child Programme and Baby Box scheme)</i> • Gateshead’s Children and Young people’s mental health and emotional wellbeing local transformation plan 2023/24 update • Work Programme
19 October 2023 (5.30pm)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on support to vulnerable adolescents <i>(to include those missing and exploited / on the edge of Care – impact of strategies to reduce demand for children entering care)</i> • Trauma Informed Team Update • Preventing Homelessness for Young People • Work Programme
30 November 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management and Improvement Framework – Six Month Update – 2023-24 • Progress Update on delivery of SEND Strategy <i>(to include progress against all 4 priorities; SEND tribunal data; pathways into EET for those with SEND)</i> • Delivery of Therapy Services for children - impact and outcomes • Overview of delivery of mental health services for children and young people • Work Programme
18 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools Performance Overview Report <i>(including attendance, attainment and exclusion data; ofsted school outcomes)</i> • Early Years Sufficiency • Regional Adoption Agency Annual Report • Work Programme
7 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Progress Update on Children’s Social Care Improvement Plan • Preventing Youth Crime and Serious Violence <i>(invite</i>

	<p><i>HEHC OSC to jointly look at this)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Programme
18 April 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Response to Child Poverty in Gateshead • Health Service support in schools for children with chronic health conditions / childhood allergies <i>(to include trends, treatment, management in schools)</i> • Work Programme

Issues to slot in:

- Benefits arising from the changes to the Music Service *(TBC)*
- SEND Inspection outcomes *(September – November time potentially depending on if inspected)*

DRAFT Housing Environment & Healthy Communities OSC Work Programme 2023-24	
19 June 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management and Improvement Framework – Year End Performance 2022-23 • Housing and Compliance Performance Report – Q4 • Housing Design and Energy Efficient Standards • Changing Futures, MCN and Homelessness (<i>focus on linkages and impacts and join up</i>) • Work Programme
11 September 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety priorities update / progress • Council Voids • Lifelong Learning (<i>focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>what is available academically and physically</i> - <i>Is there a clear picture of provision across the borough</i>) • Parking enforcement – Update (<i>focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>what can be done to prevent pavement parking</i> - <i>how can we better enforce / do we need additional powers?</i> - <i>Plan / projected timescales / measuring success</i>) • Brexit Update • Work Programme
23 October 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction Services Update - Repairs and Maintenance Improvement Plan Progress Update • Housing and Compliance Performance Monitoring Q2 • Housing Regulatory Standards (Self-Assessment) • Locality Working (<i>focus on progress and any impacts</i>) • Work Programme
4 December 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management and Improvement Framework – Six Month Update – 2023-24 • Economic Development/Physical Development and Regeneration – (<i>focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>overview of the policy and strategy</i> - <i>what the plans are for achieving this and how they align with the NE LEP's defined objectives of more and better jobs</i> - <i>how is 'success' measured in relation to both the NE LEP and the LA's defined Thrive objectives - actions / anticipated timescales</i>) • Street lighting (<i>focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>impact of changes to street lighting in line with light pollution considerations</i> - <i>perceptions of safety with some lights being turned off during the night</i>) • Work Programme
29 January 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Safety priorities update/progress • Update on Allotments • Building Safety Compliance and Assurance in Council Homes • Update on new approach to anti-social behaviour • Work Programme

11 March 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Flood and Water Management Act 2010: Annual Progress Report • Housing Development Programme Update (<i>focus on;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Progress reporting / breakdown of tenure</i> - <i>Risks issues and challenges to deliver</i> - <i>Gateshead's vision re fall in local population / housing development to facilitate more sustainable living / redevelopment of brown field sites</i>) • Affordable Housing (<i>to include;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Profile of existing stock</i> - <i>Housing in pipeline / proposed housing</i> - <i>Organogram showing affordability based on income</i> • Tenant Satisfaction Survey Results 2023 • Work Programme
13 May 2024	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Housing and Compliance Performance Monitoring Q4 (<i>to include;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <i>Operational Performance</i> b) <i>Compliance Performance</i> c) <i>Regulatory Self – Assessment</i>) • Climate Change Strategy and Action Plan (<i>to include;</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <i>Fleet, community EV provision and infrastructure</i> - <i>School catering (plant based alternatives to meat / cheese</i> - <i>Impact of domestic fires / log burning</i> - <i>Local transport networks and encouraging connectivity without car dependency</i> - <i>Public transport and connectivity</i> • Work Programme

Issues to slot in:

- **Street Scene Investment Impacts**