

Report

Cabinet

Part 1

Date: January 2017

Item No: see above

Subject Work programme

Purpose To agree a work programme

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In response to that suggestion the Cabinet agreed that each month the Head of Democratic Services will ask Chief Officers to update the Cabinet work programme and this update will be reported to Cabinet

An updated work programme suggested by Chief Officers is attached. This is, of course, a working document and will be subject to change.

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Proposal To agree the proposed programme

Action by Head of Democratic Services

Timetable Immediate

This report was prepared after consultation with:

- Chief Officers
- Monitoring Officer
- Head of Finance
- Head of People and Business Change

Background

As mentioned in the summary above, the Corporate Assessment suggested to the Council that it should consider strengthening committee work programming arrangements to ensure they are timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up.

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This will then be used to help inform the Scrutiny Committee work programmes

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Financial Summary

There is no direct cost to adopting a programme of work

Risks

Risk	Impact of Risk if it occurs* (H/M/L)	Probability of risk occurring (H/M/L)	What is the Council doing or what has it done to avoid the risk or reduce its effect	Who is responsible for dealing with the risk?
No action taken	M	L	This work programming arrangements to ensure they are timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up.	Head of Democratic Services
The process is not embraced by report authors and members	M	M	If there is proliferation of unplanned or late items, the opportunity to ensure work programming is timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up will diminish	Head of Democratic Services

Links to Council Policies and Priorities

These proposals will help the Council provide the best possible service to members and will provide information to the public and elected members

Options Available and considered

- To adopt the process and adopt or amend the work programme
- To consider any alternative proposals raised by Cabinet members
- To take no action

Preferred Option and Why

To adopt the proposals which should help to ensure work programming arrangements are timely, meaningful, informative, and transparent, balanced, monitored, and joined up.

Comments of Chief Financial Officer

There are no financial implications in adopting a programme of work

Comments of Monitoring Officer

There are no legal implications in adopting a programme of work

Staffing Implications: Comments of Head of People and Business Change

There are no specific staffing implications in adopting a programme of work

Comments of Cabinet Member

The Chair has approved the report for consideration by cabinet.

Local issues

There are no local issues as this report relates to the Council's processes

Scrutiny Committees

Please include a record of any consultation with scrutiny committees. Please add here details of any consultation and the outcomes.

Regular updates will allow the Scrutiny and Cabinet work programmes to be better coordinated. The Scrutiny team and Chairs are developing new ways of working and continually reviewing the work programmes to focus more on risk and restricting the number of items on agendas by channelling information reports by way of other and ensuring committee reports are based around outcomes

Equalities Impact Assessment and the Equalities Act 2010

These proposals need no Equalities Impact Assessment

Children and Families (Wales) Measure

This procedural report does not impact on Children and Young People although certain reports contained in the programme may do and will need appropriate consultation and comment when they are presented to cabinet.

Wellbeing of Future Generations (Wales) Act 2015

This is a procedural report but reports contained within the programme will need to show how consideration has been given to the five things public bodies need to think about to show they have applied the sustainable development principle put into place by the Act.

Crime and Disorder Act 1998

This does not apply to this procedural report

Consultation

As set out above

Background Papers

N/A

Dated: January 2017