



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Title:	O&S Committee Draft Work Programme
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Overview and Scrutiny Committee Key Principle:

To examine all decision-making through the lens of integrated decision-making, to drive out silo approaches and ensure CPCA strategy is not operating in isolation, considers wider impact across corporate plan priority areas, and considers future devolution opportunities and benefits.

Strategic Objective(s):

The topics within this report fit under the following strategic objective(s):

<input type="checkbox"/>	Achieving ambitious skills and employment opportunities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Achieving good growth
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased connectivity
<input type="checkbox"/>	Enabling resilient communities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Achieving Best Value and High Performance

Recommendations:

The Committee is requested to note the draft work programme for the municipal year 2024/25 as shown at Appendix 1 and discuss items for the work programme.

Topic Scoring

	Numerical Score
Public Interest	1
Strategic Value	1
Risk to Combined Authority	1
Alignment to Corporate Priorities	1
Financial Value	1
Issue of concern for partners?	1
Will the CA be able to achieve an effective outcome?	2
Will there be potential benefits for a significant part of the Combined Authority area/partners/stakeholders?	1
Scrutiny Value Score [right click on the value and "update field" to total the score]	9

Rating Scores
1 = Low
2 = Medium
3 = High

1. Background

1.1	In accordance with the Constitution, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee is responsible for setting its own work programme.
1.2	<p>In considering items for their work programme the Committee are requested to take into account the guidance published by the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS) 'Overview and scrutiny in combined authorities: a plain English guide' (Second Edition) which states:</p> <p>"That where the Committee takes a rigorous approach to prioritising its work, and only placing items on the work programme where they will clearly add value, and where they relate to scrutiny's role, the work programme will reflect that exercise."</p> <p>That guidance continues with a section on approaches to shortlisting topics which states when shortlisting topics these "should reflect scrutiny's overall role in the authority. This will require the development of bespoke, local solutions, however when considering whether an item should be included in the work programme". The kind of questions a scrutiny committee should consider, therefore, might include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Do we understand the benefits scrutiny would bring to this issue?• How could we best carry out work on this subject?• What would be the best outcome of this work?• How would this work engage with the activity of the executive and other decision-makers, including partners?
1.3	While an agreed work programme will assist in managing committee activity, it should be recognised that unforeseen matters will arise from time to time that will affect Members' ability to achieve the goals within an overall work programme.

2. Proposal

2.1	The Committee review the work programme at Appendix 1 for comments and approval for the municipal year 2024/25.
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3. Appendices

3.1	Appendix A - O&S Draft Work Programme 2024 - 2025
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4. Implications

Have the following been taken into account?

Financial Implications

Yes No There are no direct financial implications anticipated with these proposals.

Legal Implications

Yes No There are no direct legal implications anticipated with these proposals.

Public Health Implications

Yes No None

Environmental & Climate Change Implications

Yes No None

Other Significant Implications

Yes No None