

**AGENDA ITEM X**

<b>REPORT TO:</b>		Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
<b>DATE:</b>		18 <sup>th</sup> March 2016; 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2016	
<b>REPORT OF:</b>		Councillor Kerry Molineux, Chair of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee; Councillor Noordad Aziz, Chair of the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee	
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<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>		Work Programme 2016/17 Early Planning	
<b>EXEMPT REPORT (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A)</b>	<b>No</b>	Not applicable	
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>No</b>	If yes, date of publication:	

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To discuss potential work programme items to be considered by the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the 2016/17 Municipal year.

**2. Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committees have an involved discussion on the 2016/17 Work Programme and agrees, subject to confirmation, potential items to be scrutinised by the Committees.

**3. Reasons for Recommendations and Background**

- 3.1 It is proposed that, in order to proceed with the Scrutiny programme from the first round of meetings in July 2016, a discussion be held at this meeting and a provisional list of work programme items agreed. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer will continue the usual process of producing a work programme including written consultation with all Councillors and arranging a meeting with the Cabinet after the AGM.

3.2 This will ensure the full Committee has a good chance to contribute to the development of the Work Programme, which will be presented in full to the July meeting of the Communities and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

3.4 The Committees reviewed the following topics during 2015/16:

#### Communities and Wellbeing

- Health and Safety Procedures at Scaitcliffe House
- Fire and Rescue Service Update
- Homelessness
- Health Access Centre
- Health and Planning Policy
- Community Safety Plan
- Police and Crime Update
- Health Profile

In addition, the Scrutiny Panel (Reducing Poverty) completed its review.

#### Resources

- Procurement of IT software
- Apprentices
- HMR West Accrington
- Selective Licensing Scheme
- Mitigating the risks of the medium term financial strategy
- Welfare Reform and impacts on the Council
- The Budget
- Hyndburn Leisure Trust
- Business Plans for The Office of the Chief Executive, HR, Waste Services, Audit, Benefits Revenues and Customer Contact, and Environmental Health

In addition, the Committee established a Panel to review the Procurement Strategy. The Panel review will continue in to 2016/17.

#### **4. Alternative Options considered and Reasons for Rejection**

4.1 **The Committee could choose not to have this discussion at this early stage, however, this would likely lead to a delay in the Work Programme setting process for 2016/17.**

#### **5. Consultations**

5.1 All Councillors will have the opportunity to contribute to the work programme in writing. An informal meeting between the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each Scrutiny Committee and the Cabinet will be arranged after the AGM.

**6. Implications**

<b>Financial implications (including any future financial commitments for the Council)</b>	Not applicable
<b>Legal and human rights implications</b>	Not applicable
<b>Assessment of risk</b>	Not applicable
<b>Equality and diversity implications</b> <i>A <a href="#">Customer First Analysis</a> should be completed in relation to policy decisions and should be attached as an appendix to the report.</i>	Not applicable

**7. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985:  
List of Background Papers**

7.1 *None*

**8. Freedom of Information**

8.1 The report does not contain exempt information under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A and all information can be disclosed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.