

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE: 13 MARCH 2018

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *none*

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To review and determine Performance, Audit & Governance (PAG) Committee's future work programme

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| <u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u> | |
| (A) | that the work programme shown in this report be agreed |

1.0 Background

1.1 Items previously required, identified or suggested for the PAG work programme are set out in **Essential Reference Paper "B"**.

1.2 Scrutiny committees have the power of influence and are entitled to review and scrutinise the decisions and functions of the Council and the Executive. The Committee serves as a 'critical friend' and can make recommendations to the Executive.

2.0 Report

- 2.1 The draft agenda for 2018/19 meetings of PAG Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper "B"**. The timing of some items shown may be subject to change depending on availability of essential data (eg. from central government).
- 2.2 Members are asked whether there are any additional topics they wish to put forward for inclusion on any future agenda. Suggestions can be made at the meeting and by completing the form attached as **Essential Reference Paper "C"** and submitting to the Scrutiny Officer. The Committee will be invited to contribute suggestions and select new topics for consideration at a work programme planning workshop to be held in March/April 2018 (date to be confirmed.) Once a topic has been proposed and selected by the Committee, the Scrutiny Officer will liaise with the lead officer (in consultation with the Scrutiny Chairman) to establish the best way to address the subject and scope the scrutiny.
- 2.3 Members are also asked whether they wish to extend an invitation to one or more of the Executive members to attend a particular meeting or for a specific agenda item. It is proposed that the Executive Member for Finance and Support Services be invited to give a presentation on the portfolio and answer questions at the joint scrutiny committee meeting in January 2019, when the Council's budget is considered.
- 2.4 Members are asked whether there is any training relevant to scrutiny or to the function/remit of PAG as a committee which they would like to request. This could be completed as a separate session open to all scrutiny members or as an item on a future PAG agenda (as appropriate).

3.0 Implications/Consultations

3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers: none

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