

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 5 NOVEMBER 2019

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *none*

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

- To review and determine Overview and Scrutiny (OS) Committee's future work programme

<b>RECOMMENDATION FOR OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:</b>	
<b>That</b>	
<b>A</b>	<b>The draft work programme going forward shown in Essential Reference Paper B, be agreed.</b>
<b>B</b>	<b>Members consider the detail they require for the key agenda items at the next meeting</b>

1.0 Background

1.1 Items previously required, identified or suggested for the Overview and Scrutiny (OS) 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 functions of the Council and the decisions of the Executive. The Committee serves as a 'critical friend' and is not a decision-making body but can make recommendations to the Executive.

## 2.0 Report

- 2.1 The draft agenda for 2019/20 meetings of OS Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper 'B'**. The timing of some items shown may have to change depending on availability of essential data (eg. from central government) and officers. At the OS meeting in June, 2019 concerns were expressed by Members regarding the economic viability of Hertford Town Centre and particularly with regard to the redevelopment of Bircherley Green site. The Interim Scrutiny Officer will provide a summary of her assessment of the issue as a credible topic for Scrutiny. (scrutiny scoping).
- 2.2 The other key item on the December Agenda will be an update from the portfolio holder for environmental sustainability on progress made with the committee's recommendations on 18 December 2018.
- 2.3 Members are welcome to submit a scrutiny proposal at any time by completing a Scrutiny Proposal Form (Available from the Scrutiny Officer) which will provide officers with sufficient information to assess it is appropriate for Scrutiny and to ensure their specific questions are addressed. The Scrutiny Officer will then liaise with officers and the Scrutiny Chairman to consider the best way to address the subject and complete a scoping document.
- 2.4 Members are also asked whether there is any training relevant to scrutiny or to the function and remit of the OS Committee that they wish to suggest.

Background Papers: none

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