

Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee - Consolidated Work Programmes 2020/21

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15 September 2020	<p>Update on the progress in relation to the Climate Change Action Plan and progress in relation to the 2030 Carbon neutrality aspirations.</p> <p><i>With the agreement of Members at the last (June 2020) meeting, updates would be presented prior to each meeting.</i></p>	<p>Executive Member for Environmental sustainability and David Thorogood</p>	22 September 2020	<p>External Audit Update</p>	<p>Suresh Patel, Ernst Young</p>

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	Social Housing – Report of the Task and Finish Group (see note below).	Head of Housing and Health		SIAS Update	Simon Martin SIAS Audit Manager
	Large Scale Projects – Project Management in terms of Expenditure Vs Budget, delivery timescales <i>Members’ briefing provided on 16 July on Hertford Theatre.</i>	Respective Project Managers .		SAFs Update	Nick Jennings Head of Service (SAFs)

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	<i>Request by Councillor Goldspink for an update on Hartham Leisure</i>				
	Policy for Enforcing Standards for Private Sector Landlords	Head of Housing and Health		Strategic Risk Register Quarterly Update	Graham Mulley Risk Assurance Manager
	Council Tax Reduction Scheme 2021/22	Head of Revenues and Benefits Shared Services		Annual Governance Statement	Head of Strategic Finance and property
				Statement of Accounts 2019/20	Head of Strategic Finance and Property
	Work Programme	Lorraine Blackburn,		Financial Monitoring	Head of Strategic Finance and Property

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		Scrutiny Officer		Quarter 1	
3 Nov 2020	How the Council reacted to the Corona Virus	Invitation to the Leader and CE to present an interim report	17 November 2020	Section 106 Agreements: a) review of policy and also of the receipt and b) the utilisation of funds received	Helen Standen Dep CE and Jackie Bruce Infrastructure and Contributions Spend Manager
	Work Programme	Lorraine Blackburn, Scrutiny Officer		Corporate Budget Monitoring Quarter 2	Ben Wood, Head of Communications Strategy and Policy and Steven Linett Head of Strategic Finance
				Treasury Management	Head of Strategic Finance

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				Outturn 2019/20 and Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2020/21	
	Annual Complaints Report	Head of Communications, Strategy and Policy		Budget 2021/22 and MTFP Plan 2021-2024 Proposals	Head of Strategic Finance and Property
	Performance Report Quarters 1 and 2	Head of Communications Strategy and Policy		Standards Update	James Ellis Head of Legal and Democratic Services
	Revenues and Benefits Annual Report	Head of Revenues and Benefits Shared Services		Strategic Risk Monitoring 2020/21 Quarter 2	Graham Mully, Insurance and Risk Business Advisor

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	Environmental Climate Change	Head of Housing and Health			
8 Dec 2020				Work Programme	Lorraine Blackburn, Scrutiny Officer
	Presentation by the PCC Mr David Lloyd and Cl Orton			GDPR and Data Retention	James Ellis Head of Legal and Democratic Services
				Members' Constitution Review Group	James Ellis Head of Legal and Democratic Services
PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE A JOINT MEETING OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY AND AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES ON 10 FEBRUARY 2021 FOLLOWED BY THE USUAL MEETING OF A&G					
2 February 2021	Cultural Strategy	Jonathan Geall Head of Housing and Health	10 February 2021	*Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-24-	Steven Linnett Head of Strategic Finance and property
	Planning	Sara Saunders,		SIAS Internal	Simon Martin

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	Enforcement Plan`	Head of Planning		Audit Plan Progress Report	
23 March 2021	Draft Annual Scrutiny Report 2019/20	James Ellis / Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Lorraine Blackburn, Scrutiny Officer		External Auditor's Annual Audit Letter	EY
	Draft Annual Scrutiny Report 2020/21	James Ellis / Head of Legal and Democratic Services and Lorraine Blackburn, Scrutiny Officer		Investment strategy 2021/22	Steven Linnett Head of Strategic Finance and property
	Review of Scrutiny –			Capital strategy	Steven Linnett Head

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	Centre for Governance and Scrutiny (CfGS)			and Minimum Revenue Provision Strategy	of Strategic Finance and property
			16 March 2021	External Auditor - Audit Fees Letter	Suresh Patel, EY
				SIAS Internal Audit Plan Progress Report	Simon Martin, SIAS
				SIAS Draft Internal Audit Plan	Simon Martin, SIAS
				Proposed Anti-Fraud Plan 2021/2022	Nick Jennings, SAFS
				Update on Delivery of the 2020/2021 Anti-	Nick Jennings, SAFS

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				Fraud Plan	
				Financial Management Quarter 3 Forecast to Year End	Steven Linnett Head of Strategic Finance and Property

Executive Responses to recommendations made by O&S Committee:

Parking Recommendations – Report of the Task and Finish group (Considered by Executive on 27 November 2020) – Members updated via Chairman’s Announcements February 2021
Affordable Housing Research - Report and O&S Recommendations – (Considered by Executive on 5 January 2021) Members updated via Chairman’s Announcements February 2021

Updates

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	<p>Complaints lodged with the Monitoring Officer (Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services). When there are updates.</p> <p>Changes to Constitution Review Update (Head of Democratic and Legal Support Services): When there are updates.</p>

Looking Forward - End of 2020 to 2021

Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Due date	Audit and Governance	Due Date
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RIPA and Use of Social Media - report back (Head of Legal and Democratic Services)	June 2021	Quarterly Corporate Budget Monitor – Quarter 3 December 2020	30 March 2021 (executive) Due to the timetable of meetings it is not possible to produce the report and send it to an Audit & Governance Committee meeting prior to consideration by Executive. The report will be circulated to Members of the Committee when ready and views sort and reported to Executive.
Environmental Sustainability Action Plan (Agreed to report twice a year)	May 2021 November 2021	Standards Model Code	May 2021
Carbon Reduction report	November 2021	GDPR and data retention	May 2021
Corporate Plan Regular	May 2021	Section 106 Contributions	November 2021

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Updates to OS		(report annually)	

Notes:

Members will note the new format of the Consolidated Work Programme. It was felt that by combining both work programmes might provide Members with a better insight into the issues to be considered by both committees and respective timeframes and so aid the process of scrutiny. Additionally, Members should note that the Chairman and Vice Chairman of both Committees are now meeting quarterly with the Leader and Deputy Leader to consider both work programmes in the context of the Council's Forward Plan to facilitate better scrutiny and review where necessary.

Members are actively encouraged to review the Council's Forward Plan which details the decisions the Executive (and Council) will be taking over the next three months. The Centre for Governance and scrutiny has recommended that early involvement with the decision making process (and before decisions are taken) is good practice. Only decisions which are taken by the executive can be called in.

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