

ESTABLISHMENT OF IN-DEPTH SCRUTINY WORKING GROUP

Scrutiny Committee - 9 November 2021

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive & Chief Officer - Customer & Resources

Status: For Decision

Key Decision: No

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Recommendation to Scrutiny Committee:

- a) to establish an in-depth scrutiny working group, consisting of four Scrutiny Committee Members nominated by the Committee.
- b) to choose a subject area for the working group to consider and define the scope for the review
- c) to receive a report on the work of the Member working group and any recommendations at a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee for consideration.

Reason for recommendation: To assist the Scrutiny Committee in carrying out its function and consider how a subject area helps deliver aims within the Council Plan.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The constitution states that the Scrutiny Committee may appoint a smaller group known as a “Working Group” to carry out detailed examination of particular topics for report back to them.
- 2 The working group may produce a report with recommendations for the Scrutiny Committee to consider. Following this, the Scrutiny Committee may make recommendations to Cabinet.
- 3 Should a working group be established, it is proposed that an update on their progress be brought to the next Scrutiny Committee meeting in January 2022, then a final report brought to the meeting in March 2022. If the working group needs more time, it may need to be re-established following Annual Council in May.

Possible Subject Areas

- 4 The Committee had suggested topics relating to housing or Covid-19 recovery, however these topics may not be appropriate as they would duplicate work already in progress.

5 Other ideas suggested could include:

- Care for our Community - Review of impact through Covid-19 response and look at further opportunities for its legacy
- Public Realm Commission - Review achievements to date and whether it can be even more effective
- Covid-19 response

Key Implications

Financial

There are no financial implications associated with the setting up of an in-depth scrutiny working group.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement

There are no relevant legal implications or risk assessment.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Net Zero Implications

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the council's ambition to be Net Zero by 2030. There is no perceived impact regarding either an increase or decrease in carbon emissions in the district, or supporting the resilience of the natural environment.

Conclusions

The Scrutiny Committee is recommended to establish an in-depth scrutiny working group and choose an appropriate subject area to review.

Appendices

None

Background Papers

None

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