



# Borough of Telford and Wrekin

## Communities Scrutiny Committee

Thursday 12 September 2024

### Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

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| <b>Cabinet Member:</b>          | Cllr Zona Hannington - Cabinet Member: Finance, Governance & Customer Services |
| <b>Lead Director:</b>           | Anthea Lowe - Director: Policy & Governance                                    |
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| <b>Wards Affected:</b>          | All Wards  |
| <b>Key Decision:</b>            | Not Key Decision   |
| <b>Forward Plan:</b>            | Not Applicable   |
| <b>Report considered by:</b>    | Communities Scrutiny Committee – 12 September 2024                             |

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#### 1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

It is recommended that the Communities Scrutiny Committee:-

- 1.1 Review and agree the work programme as shown at Appendix A.

#### 2.0 Purpose of Report

- 2.1 To set the work programme for the Communities Scrutiny Committee as outlined in Appendix A.

#### 3.0 Background

- 3.1 Work programmes for scrutiny committees are reviewed annually, with a period of consultation taking place in the months running up to a new municipal year. The public, key stakeholders, and Council officers are asked to put forward scrutiny

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suggestions for inclusion on the coming year's work programme.

3.2 Following the consultation period, a draft work programme is taken to Scrutiny Management Board and the Scrutiny Assembly for comment before being sent on to individual committees for final approval.

3.3 The Constitution states that scrutiny committees are to set and undertake their own programme of work, meeting as required to deliver the work programme.

3.4 Work programmes can be amended throughout the year if the committee or Scrutiny Assembly deem it necessary.

### **4.0 Summary of main proposals**

4.1 For the Communities Scrutiny Committee to review and approve the attached draft work programme shown at Appendix A.

### **5.0 Alternative Options**

5.1 There are no alternative options arising from this report.

### **6.0 Key Risks**

6.1 There are no key risks arising from this report.

### **7.0 Council Priorities**

7.1 A community-focussed, innovative council providing efficient, effective and quality services.

### **8.0 Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **9.0 Legal and HR Implications**

9.1 In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, the Committee will set its own work programme for the municipal year, will consider matters referred to it by the Scrutiny Management Board, and may make recommendations to Cabinet and Full Council following scrutiny. This is to be read in light of the amended Statutory guidance from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (22 April 2024) - [Overview and scrutiny: statutory guidance for councils, combined authorities and combined county authorities - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/124444/Overview_and_scrutiny_statutory_guidance_for_councils_combined_authorities_and_combined_county_authorities_-_GOV.UK_(www.gov.uk).pdf).

### **10.0 Ward Implications**

10.1 There are no ward implications arising from this report.

### **11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications**

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11.1 There are no health, social and economic implications arising from this report.

### **12.0 Equality and Diversity Implications**

12.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

### **13.0 Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

13.1 There are no climate change and environmental implications arising from this report.

### **14.0 Background Papers**

1 Council Constitution

### **15.0 Appendices**

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### **16.0 Report Sign Off**

| <b>Signed off by</b> | <b>Date sent</b> | <b>Date signed off</b> | <b>Initials</b> |
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| Legal Services       | 27/08/2024       | 04/09/2024             | ON              |
| Finance              | 27/08/2024       | 28/08/2024             | AEM             |