



Borough of Telford and Wrekin

Communities Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 8 July 2025

Communities Scrutiny Work Programme 2025/26

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| Wards Affected: | All Wards |
| Key Decision: | Not Key Decision |
| Forward Plan: | Not Applicable |
| Report considered by: | Communities Scrutiny Committee – 8 July 2025 |

1.0 Recommendations for decision/noting:

1.1 It is recommended that the Communities Scrutiny Committee:

- a) Review and agree the work programme as outlined at Appendix A.

2.0 Purpose of Report

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

3.0 Background

3.1 Scrutiny now operates a two-year work programme to allow for Committees to undertake in-depth work over a longer period of time.

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- 3.2 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 suggestions for inclusion on the coming year's work programme.
- 3.3 Following the consultation period, a draft work programme is taken to Scrutiny Management Board for comment before being sent onto individual committees for final approval.
- 3.4 The Constitution states that Scrutiny committees are to set and undertake their own programme of work, meeting as required to deliver the work programme.
- 3.5 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 draft work programme as outlined 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 The Local Government Association state that the role of scrutiny is to achieve positive outcomes for local people by undertaking a thorough, targeted examination of the Council's service provision and procedures. Therefore, it is important to undertake work programming which can be done at the beginning of each year.
- 9.2 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.

- 9.3 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. The proposals contained in this report can be delivered using existing resources.

10.0 Ward Implications

- 10.1 There are no ward implications arising from this report.

11.0 Health, Social and Economic Implications

- 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, Biodiversity and Environmental Implications

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

14.0 Background Papers

- 1 Council Constitution

15.0 Appendices

- A Communities Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2025/26

16.0 Report Sign Off

| Signed off by | Date sent | Date signed off | Initials |
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| Legal Services | 02/06/2025 | 20/06/2025 | SH |
| Finance | 17/06/2025 | 18/06/2025 | MLB |