



Derby City Council

**CORPORATE SERVICES SCRUTINY REVIEW  
BOARD  
9 March 2023**

**ITEM 9**

Report sponsor: Head of Democracy  
Report author: Democratic Services Manager

**Work Programme and Topic Review for 2022/23 Municipal Year**

**Purpose**

- 1.1 The Corporate Services Board will have an opportunity to review its Terms of Reference and Remit. The Board meets four times in the municipal year and this was the last meeting of the 2022/23 municipal year. The Board may undertake Topic Review/s supported by Democratic Services Officers and officers from other departments, but will also look at service reviews, policy development and any issues referred from the Executive Scrutiny Board.
- 1.2 The report allows officers to inform the Board of any key work areas, issues or potential topic review subjects for discussion or inclusion in the work programme
- 1.3 Members of the Board will also have the opportunity to review items for the Corporate Services Board work programme for the 2022/23 municipal year and any topic reviews.

**Recommendation**

- 2.1 To note the report.
- 2.2 To review the work programme for the 2022/23 municipal year.
- 2.3 To agree that the presentation given to the Communities Board on 23 January 2023 covers the work required for the topic review and that no further work was required in relation to the topic review – hardship in the city.

**Reason**

- 3.1 To remind the Board of its Terms of Reference.
- 3.2 To enable the council to undertake functions in relation to scrutiny, specifically to investigate, gather evidence and make recommendations to the scrutiny board in an advisory capacity.

**Supporting information**

- 4.1 Terms of Reference of Scrutiny Review Boards

Within the scope of their terms of reference set out in Article 6 of the Constitution to:

1. Agree a programme of policy development and review in relation to the board's allocated topic area, and to undertake any policy development and review arising;
  2. Consider service updates in relation to council and non council functions within the board's allocated topic area;
  3. Make reports or recommendation to Council, Council Cabinet or any committees of the council in respect of the discharge of the council's functions; and
  4. Make recommendations to the Executive Scrutiny Board in respect of performance areas for review.
- 4.2 The remit of this board covers the following service areas that fall within the portfolios of the Cabinet Members for Strategy, Governance and Finance, Digital and Culture:
- Overall strategic lead on all Council services
  - Strategic partnerships
  - Derby Plan/Council Plan
  - Medium Term Financial Strategy
  - National and regional profile
  - International development
  - Communications & Marketing
  - Audit/CMAP
  - Human Resources
  - Organisational Development
  - Legal
  - Democracy
  - Elections & Land charges
  - Procurement & Contracting
  - Health & Safety
  - Counter Terrorism / Migration
  - Finance
  - Revenues and Benefits
  - Business Support
  - Business Systems
  - Customer Management
  - Digital & IT
  - Strategic Asset Management & Estates
  - Facilities Management
  - Property Design
  - Connect Derby
  - Policy & Insight
  - Strategy & Performance
  - Change Derby
  - Culture, Derby Live and Events

- 4.3 This item gives members an opportunity to discuss proposed or existing topic review/s for the municipal year and develop the basis for the topic reviews. At the first meeting of the municipal year, it was agreed to undertake a topic review on hardship in the city. Members of the Board were invited to the Communities Scrutiny Board meeting held on 23 January 2023 where the Board received a presentation from Bernard Fenton – Customer Services Manager and Kim Harper – Community Action Derby on cost of living support. The presentation is attached as appendix 2 to this report.
- 4.4 If a working group is formed for the purpose of conducting topic reviews, they should only exist for the duration of the review and be dissolved upon completion of the review. Individuals outside of the scrutiny board can be invited to join the working group, as the group has no formal scrutiny powers. The purpose of the working group is to investigate, gather evidence and make recommendations to the scrutiny board in an advisory capacity.

### **Public/stakeholder engagement**

- 5.1 None directly arising from this report.

### **Other options**

- 6.1 None.

### **Financial and value for money issues**

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the Board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Legal implications**

- 8.1 Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the Board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Climate implications**

- 9.1 Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Socio Economic Implications**

- 10.1 Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

## Other significant implications

11.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
Legal Finance Service Director(s) Report sponsor Other(s)	Alex Hough - Head of Democracy	
<b>Background papers:</b> <b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 – Work Programme for Corporate Services Scrutiny Review Board Appendix 2 – Presentation on Cost of Living Support	

## Corporate Services Scrutiny Review Board Work Programme 2022/23

Meeting	Items	Service Director / Lead Officer
21 July 2022	Overview of Digital Enablement and Foundations – deferred.	Andy Brammall
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All
29 September 2022	Our City Our River Project <i>* Joint meeting with Regeneration &amp; Housing Scrutiny Review Board</i>	David Fletcher / Catherine Williams / Sarah Banks
	Overview of Digital Enablement and Foundations	Andy Brammall
	FMS Upgrade – Implementation Update	Alison Parkin
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All
8 December 2022	Meeting cancelled	
9 March 2023	Culture ( <i>How the bid for City Of Culture has strengthened the cultural sector, the benefits of partnership working and sponsorship</i> )	Claire Davenport / Adam Buss / Mike Brown
	Counter Terrorism Priorities	Pop Gill / Kyle Hudson
	Partnerships	Heather Greenan
	Insight Led Council ( <i>Horizon Scanning etc</i> )	Heather Greenan
	Work Programme and Topic Review	All

Topic Review – Hardship in the City – focus on how to support people, access to welfare reform, city response, (inc digital support, SEND, HAF).

Items for future meetings -

Facilities Management – date tbc.

Constitutional Review – date tbc

Working Smarter – date tbc.

Property (*property disposal update, achievements and plans*) tbc