

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
IMPROVEMENT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - PLACES**

6 March 2018

Report of the Director of Legal Services

WORK PROGRAMME 2018/19

1. Purpose of the Report

To consider the 2018/19 work programme for the Improvement and Scrutiny Committee - Places.

2. Information

It is considered good practice that each Scrutiny Committee develops and agrees an annual work programme. The identification of relevant topics and their allocation to a specific meeting date, focuses the work of the Committee and promotes transparency. It also provides an opportunity to determine which issues warrant more detailed investigation and should be subject to a scrutiny review.

In developing the work programme Members should consider what matters they would like to scrutinise and which individuals or organisations they would like to appear before the Committee to give evidence.

When identifying issues Members should consider:

- Whether the issue is in the public interest
- If there has been a change to National Policy and how this will affect people in Derbyshire
- If there are any performance, financial or safety concerns about a particular service or function
- How consideration by the Scrutiny Committee will add value.

Examples of possible witnesses include, but are not restricted to, those listed below. It should be noted however, that there is not a legal requirement for representatives from external organisations to appear before the Committee.

- Cabinet Members, particularly the portfolio holder for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure, and the portfolio holder for Strategic Leadership and Tourism
- Strategic Directors

- Lead officers responsible for service areas
- Representatives from external bodies, including public, private or voluntary sector organisations.
- Expert witnesses with specific knowledge and skills.

A proposed work programme for 2018/19 is given at Appendix one. The work programme is for consideration at this meeting (and will be revisited at future meetings). The timescales are indicative of when each issue will be considered by the Committee. As issues emerge during the course of the year the Chairman will add them to the work programme and may, if required, reschedule the order in which issues are considered.

3. Considerations (to be specified individually where appropriate)

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: social value, financial, human relations, legal and human rights, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

4. Officer's Recommendation

It is recommended that the Improvement and Scrutiny Places Committee identify and agree issues to be included in work programme for 2018/19.

John McElvaney
Director of Legal Services

Places Improvement and Scrutiny Committee: Work programme 2018-19

Appendix one

16 May 2018	Trading Standards Flood Risk Management (update from Working Group)	Robert Taylour - <i>Assistant Director: Head Of Trading Standards</i> Cllr Peter Makin – <i>Member for Belper</i>
18 July 2018	Countryside Services	Richard Taylor - <i>Head Of Countryside Service</i>
13 Sept 2018	Cabinet Member Portfolio Update	Cllr Spencer – Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Infrastructure
28 Nov 2018		
5 March 2019	Cabinet Member Portfolio Update	Cllr Lewis – Cabinet Member for Strategic Leadership, Culture and Tourism