

<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)	<b>Date of Meeting:</b>	7 November 2017
<b>Subject:</b>	Work Programme 2017/18, Scrutiny Review Topics and Key Decision Forward Plan		
<b>Report of:</b>	Head of Regulation and Compliance	<b>Wards Affected:</b>	All
<b>Cabinet Portfolio:</b>	Communities and Housing; Locality Services; Planning and Building Control; and Regeneration and Skills		
<b>Is this a Key Decision:</b>	No	<b>Included in Forward Plan:</b>	No
<b>Exempt / Confidential Report:</b>	No		

### Summary:

To update the Committee on the draft Work Programme for 2017/18, topics for scrutiny reviews to be undertaken by a Working Group(s) appointed by the Committee and to identify any items for pre-scrutiny by the Committee from the Key Decision Forward Plan.

### Recommendation:

That:-

- (1) the Work Programme for 2017/18, as set out in Appendix 1 to the report, be considered, along with any additional items to be included and thereon be agreed;
- (2) the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan as set out in Appendix 2 to the report, which fall under the remit of the Committee and any agreed items be included in the Work Programme referred to in (1) above.

### Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The determination of the Work Programme containing items to be considered during the Municipal Year 2017/18 and the identification of scrutiny review topics demonstrates that the work of the Overview and Scrutiny 'adds value' to the Council.

The pre-scrutiny process assists effective decision making by examining issues before the Cabinet Member or Cabinet make formal decisions.

### Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

No alternative options have been considered as the Overview and Scrutiny Committee needs to approve its Work Programme and identify scrutiny review topics.

**What will it cost and how will it be financed?**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any financial implications arising from the consideration of a key decision or relating to a recommendation arising from a Working Group review will be reported to Members at the appropriate time.

**(A) Revenue Costs – see above**

**(B) Capital Costs – see above**

**Implications of the Proposals:**

<b>Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):</b> None
<b>Legal Implications:</b> None
<b>Equality Implications:</b> There are no equality implications.

**Contribution to the Council’s Core Purpose:**

Protect the most vulnerable: None directly applicable to this report but reference in the Work Programme to the Peer Review Working Group – Final Report which reviewed Sefton’s approach to Serious and Organised Crime (SOC), in light of the Home Office Peer Review findings in November 2015 highlighted that Working Group Members were reassured that those leading on the Agenda of SOC in Sefton have a sound approach and would continue to ensure that Sefton was a safe community to live, work and visit.
Facilitate confident and resilient communities: As above.
Commission, broker and provide core services: None directly applicable to this report but the Committee would be made aware of such issues via the receipt of reports, as referenced in the Work Programme, relating to the review of Winter Service and Operational Plan; the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority – Service Delivery Plan 2017/18; Refuse Collection; and the Parks and Greenspaces Final Report
Place – leadership and influencer: None directly applicable to this report.
Drivers of change and reform: None directly applicable to this report but reports would be submitted to the Committee detailing how the Council is leading on beneficial changes to be made with reference to United Utilities charging policies and new houses being sold as leasehold.
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: None directly applicable to this report but the Committee would be made aware of such issues via the receipt of reports, as referenced in the Work Programme, relating to the Economic Strategy for Growth; and the implementation of recommendations arising from Working Groups relating to Town Centres; the Port Masterplan; Employment Development; and Not in Education, Employment or Training.
Greater income for social investment: None directly applicable to this report.
Cleaner Greener: None directly applicable to this report but the Committee would be made aware of such issues via the receipt of reports, as referenced in the Work Programme, relating to the Merseyside Recycling and Waste Authority – Service

Delivery Plan 2017/18; Refuse Collection; and Parks and Greenspaces together with the implementation of recommendations arising from the Shale Gas Working Group.
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## What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

### (A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD 4910/17) has been consulted and notes the report indicates there are no direct financial implications arising from this report. Any financial implications arising from the consideration of a key decision or relating to a recommendation arising from a Working Group review will be reported to Members at the appropriate time. The Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.4194/17) have been consulted and has no comments on the report.

### (B) External Consultations

Not applicable

### Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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### Appendices:

The following appendices are attached to this report:

- Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme for 2017/18
- Latest Key Decision Forward Plan items relating to this Overview and Scrutiny Committee

### Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

### Introduction/Background

#### 1. WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

- 1.1 The Committee at its meeting held on 4 July 2017 approved a Work Programme of items to be submitted to the Committee for consideration during the Municipal Year 2017/18 and the Work Programme is set out in **Appendix 1** to the report. The programme has been produced in liaison with the appropriate Heads of Service, whose roles fall under the remit of the Committee.
- 1.2 Members are also requested to consider whether there are any other items that they wish the Committee to consider, that fall within the terms of reference of the Committee. The Work Programme will be submitted to each meeting of the

Committee during 2017/18 and updated, as appropriate.

## **2. SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPICS 2017/18**

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 19 September 2017 the Committee established a Working Group to look at the topic of Sefton's Housing Development Company. To date Councillors Michael O'Brien, Roche, Sayers and Bill Welsh have volunteered to serve on the Working Group.
- 2.2 The Parks and Greenspaces Working Group previously established by this Committee has now completed its review and the Final Report is currently being drafted.

## **3. PRE-SCRUTINY OF ITEMS IN THE KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN**

- 3.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan which fall under the remit (terms of reference) of this Committee. The Forward Plan which is updated each month, sets out the list of items to be submitted to the Cabinet for consideration during the next four month period.
- 3.2 The pre-scrutiny process assists effective decision making by examining issues before the Cabinet Member or Cabinet make formal decisions.
- 3.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has requested that only those key decisions that fall under the remit of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be included on the agenda for consideration.
- 3.4 The latest Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix 2** for this purpose. For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded.
- 3.5 Should Members require further information in relation to any item on the Key Decision Forward Plan, would they please contact the relevant Officer named against the item in the Plan, prior to the Meeting.
- 3.6 The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan as set out in **Appendix 2** to the report, which fall under the remit of the Committee and any agreed items be included in the Work Programme referred to in (1) above.