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## **ASHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL**



Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby in Ashfield Nottingham NG17 8DA

# Agenda

# **Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 27th June, 2017

Time: **6.30 pm** 

Venue: Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield

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#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### <u>Membership</u>

Chairman: Councillor Lee Anderson

**Councillors:** 

Ben Bradley Christian Chapman

Helen Hollis John Knight
Cathy Mason Lauren Mitchell
Christine Quinn-Wilcox Paul Roberts

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#### **SUMMONS**

You are hereby requested to attend a meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to be held at the time/place and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the business set out below.

R. Mitchell Chief Executive

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1.	To receive apologies for absence, if any	
2.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary or Personal Interests and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests	
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#### **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

#### Meeting held in the Committee Room, Council Offices, Urban Road, Kirkby-in-Ashfield,

#### on Thursday, 9th February, 2017 at 6.30 pm

**Present:** Councillor Lee Anderson in the Chair;

Councillors Ben Bradley, Amanda Brown, Christian Chapman, Joanne Donnelly, John Knight, Cathy Mason, Christine Quinn-

Wilson and Doub Deborts

Wilcox and Paul Roberts.

Officers Present: Dave Greenwood, Joanne Froggatt, Mike Joy

and Alan Maher

In Attendance: Councillors Cheryl Butler and Don Davis

# OS.17 <u>Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Non-Disclosable Pecuniary/Other Interests.</u>

There were no Declarations of Interest at this point.

# OS.18 To receive and approve as a correct records the minutes of the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny, held on 12 January 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on 12 January 2017 were approved as a true record, subject to Cllr Quinn-Wilcox's apologies being recorded.

#### OS.19 General Fund Revenue Budget 2017-18

The report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee set-out the financial challenges facing the Council and how these challenges would be met in terms of preparing the budget for 2017-18.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources), Dave Greenwood, explained that the financial position had become more difficult since the autumn. In particular, the Council's funding from the New Homes Bonus Scheme was now expected to fall substantially. Furthermore, the Committee were informed that the Council would have to pay significantly more into the Nottinghamshire Local Government Pension Scheme, following a re-valuation exercise carried out by its administrators, Nottinghamshire County Council.

As a consequence, the Council is required to save between £800k - £900k for each of the five years covered by the Medium Term Financial Strategy

(MTFS). The original savings target had been £670k per annum over this period.

The Deputy Chief Executive set out how the Council proposed to meet the shortfall. Members were informed that that new or enhanced commercial activities would help to generate income. These activities included a recycling scheme for 'trade waste', charging for some Planning & Building Control and pest control services. Taken together, they are expected to generate £142k of income during 2017/18 and a further £27k the following year.

The Committee was also informed that a package of service efficiency measures would be introduced. These would deliver £678k of savings during 2017/18 and a further £158k of savings in 2018/19.

Further savings would come from the closure of Ashfield Homes Limited (AHL). The Committee were informed that that these savings would be generated by the deletion of some of AHL's senior management posts and by integrating its back office functions, such as Human Resources and Information Technology etc., into those of the Council. There would be no reduction to the services received by tenants. The Committee welcomed this.

Members were then informed about changes to how the Council collects money. These changes, it was explained, would be both more cost effective and user friendly; by extending the number of payment options that are available, including the use of Pay Point at shops and post offices across the District. Again, this was welcomed.

With regards to Huthwaite Leisure Centre, the Committee were informed that alternative options regarding community or other groups having the opportunity to take over the Centre were currently being explored. Members expressed their hopes that this is successful and that the Centre remains open as a community managed facility.

The Committee were informed of a review of Selston Golf Course. Cllr Christine Quinn Wilcox declared an Interest at this point in her capacity as a Selston Parish Councillor. Members heard that the Council had worked closely with Selston Parish Council over the future use of the site. Alternative operators to run the golf course would be sought.

Finally, Members were informed that the programme of service reviews and the reorganisation of senior management responsibilities within the Council were expected to deliver significant savings. They heard that progress was being made on the current round of Service Reviews and that the Chief Executive was now drawing up proposals on the future senior management arrangements for the Authority.

The Committee thanked the Deputy Chief Executive for setting out the Council's financial position and the specific budget proposals. Members recognised that the process of finding additional savings would become increasingly difficult once all of the relatively easy reductions had been made. The Council would have to embrace new ways of working if it is to meet the challenges facing it.

The Committee recognised that there would be a constant struggle over the next five years to generate greater income through commercial activities and to make financial savings by reviewing services. In this context, they heard about the ongoing work to transform the Council, through the use of new technology and different ways of working designed to make further efficiencies possible. The Committee supported this.

Members considered that scrutiny should play an ongoing role in monitoring how the Council is changing and how it is delivering further efficiencies. The Committee requested regular reports to be submitted to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee in relation to progress made.

#### RESOLVED that

- a) the Committee notes the Provision Local Government Financial Settlement and its consequences for Ashfield'
- b) the Committee monitor further progress made in meeting the financial challenges facing the Council.

#### Reasons

In order to allow input to the budget from a Cross-Party Committee.

#### OS.20 Corporate Scorecard - Quarter 2 2016/17 Position

The Overview & Scrutiny Committee was reminded that the Council had adopted a 'Balanced Scorecard' methodology for measuring how well the Council was performing. This methodology placed greater emphasis on customer satisfaction and service quality and aims to provide a more rounded way of measuring how the Council's new Corporate Priorities are being delivered.

The report to Committee set out the Balanced Scorecard information for the period April to September 2016. This was introduced by the Corporate Performance Manager. Members were informed that 78% of the measures had improved compared to the same period of 2015 and that 83% of the measures had been achieved or exceeded. These included the amount of waste recycled in the District, which had recorded improvements over the three summer months.

The Committee was also informed on areas where further improvement was required. In particular, the number of Anti-Social Behaviour incidents recorded by the Police had fallen quite sharply towards the end of 2016. Members discussed the possible reasons for this and the role which the Council's own Community Protection Team (CPT) plays in successfully combatting anti-social behaviour throughout the District. In particular, they noted that customer satisfaction with the CPT had increased.

The second area for improvement was the number of homes in the District classed as below the nationally determined 'Decent Homes Standard'. The Committee was informed that improvement work had taken place on a number of properties, which had brought them up to the standard. The Committee

welcomed this.

The third area for improvement was around fly tipping. The Committee was informed that the number of fly tipping requests generated by the public had increased. The report explained that this increas formed part of an upward trend in fly tipping that had taken place nationally, with a country-wide increase last year of 5.2%.

Members discussed how the Council was seeking to tackle the problem. In particular, they were informed that work was underway to gather crucial evidence on repeat offenders in order that prosecutions can take place. The Committee discussed possible ways in which this evidence could be gathered, such as a whistle blowers line for the community to report instances.

The Committee also heard that recent changes in legislation meant that Fixed Penalty Notices could be issued when evidence is found of small fly tips. Members supported this.

The Committee accepted that the increase which had occurred in Ashfield formed part of wider national problem. Furthermore, they considered that in order take effective action, the reasons why fly tipping occurs in the District should be understood fully. The Committee concluded that it would be appropriate for Scrutiny to investigate this further as part of its 2017/18 work programme.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- a) the Committee notes the Corporate Scorecard;
- b) the Committee notes the Quarter 2 Performance Levels.

#### Reasons

To monitor and scrutinise performance outturn information for the Corporate Scorecard.

#### OS.21 Scrutiny Workplan 2016-17

The Committee considered the latest position on the remaining topics from the 2016/17 work plan and the consultation arrangements with both Members and Officers to identify possible topics for the 2017-18 Scrutiny Work Plan. As in previous years, all suggestions would be considered by the Overview & Scrutiny Committee to determine topics to be included in the Plan. Members of the Committee welcomed this.

#### **RESOLVED** that

- a) the Committee notes the ongoing topics on the 2016-17 Workplan;
- b) the Committee and other Members consider and identify future topics for the 2017-18 Workplan that may benefit from scrutiny involvement.

Consulting, reviewing and agreeing items for the Scrutiny Workplan 2017/18 provides guidance and direction for the work undertaken by scrutiny in the coming year.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm

Chairman.



# Agenda Item 4



Report To:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Date:	27 JUNE 2017				
Heading:	CORPORATE PERFORMANCE SCORECARD - YEAR END 2016/17 POSITION						
Ward/s:	ALL						
Key Decision:	NO						
Subject To Call-In:	NO						

#### **Purpose Of Report**

This report presents to Overview and Scrutiny the the Year End 2016/17 outturn for the Corporate performance scorecards, which are aligned with the Corporate Priorities. These are attached as Appendix A.

#### Recommendation(s)

For Overview and Scrutiny to consider and proactively review the levels
of performance achieved against the Corporate Scorecard as at year
end 2016/17 in order to facilitate delivery of the Corporate Plan and
improved performance of the organisation.

#### Reasons For Recommendation(s)

Performance management is one of the key roles of Overview and Scrutiny. It provides Members with the opportunity to proactively review delivery against Corporate Priorities and challenge performance, add value to the Council's services and monitor functions delivered with, and by, the Council's partners that add quality of life to the citizens of Ashfield.

The Council's ambitions for the next three years are clearly identified in the Corporate Priorities which are presented in the Corporate Plan 2016 - 2019. In March 2016 Cabinet agreed the use of a balanced scorecard methodology to enhance the organisations performance framework and ability to understand how successfully the new Corporate Priorities are being delivered, the new approach providing a more rounded view on performance with a greater emphasis on customer satisfaction and quality.

#### **Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)**

None

#### **Detailed Information**

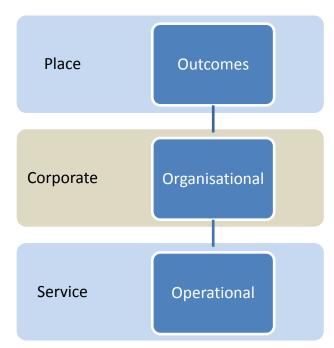
The Corporate Plan 2016- 2019 sets out our priorities for the future and the key projects and initiatives we intend to deliver.

The corporate plan sits above a wider strategic context which includes the Corporate Project Management Framework, Corporate Performance Indicators and a range of strategic documents relating to the organisation and its services. Implementation of the Corporate Plan will therefore be achieved through:-

- Programme management Delivery of similar projects under a priority theme
- Project Management Framework Delivery of all projects
- Service Plans annual review of each service in respect of added value improvement activity/ projects and service performance
- Service Reviews rolling programme of reviews including targeted ICT/ digital transformation projects to inform the Savings Strategy
- Commercialisation reviews targeted approach through the developing commercialism framework
- People Strategy Culture and strategy
- Revised Performance Management Framework developed balanced scorecard approach.

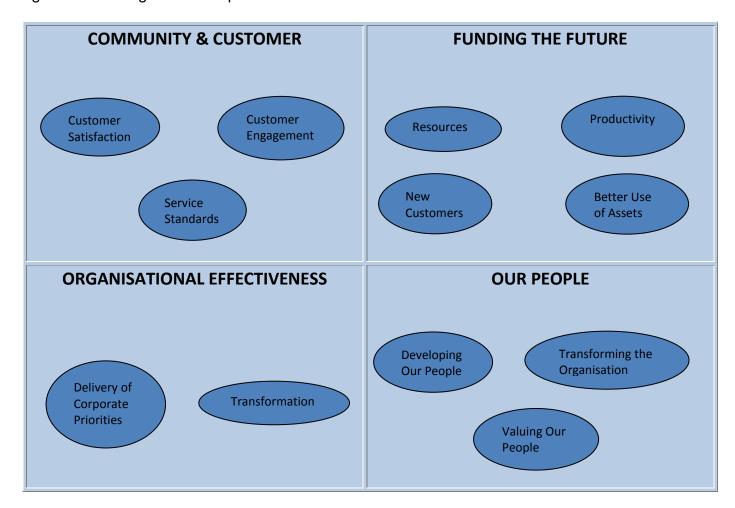
#### **Ashfield Performance Scorecards**

The revised performance framework now incorporates balanced performance scorecards on three separate levels as indicated below. This report details the Corporate Performance for 2016-17.



#### **Ashfield's Corporate Scorecard**

The corporate scorecard structure will be the means of measuring organisational performance, and as such typical perspectives of a balanced scorecard have been adopted. The diagram below shows the proposed perspectives, and 'themes' within each of these perspectives, against which organisational performance measures have been identified:-



The Organisation Effectiveness perspective is particularly focussed on the measurement of delivery against the Corporate Priorities through 'output' measures.

#### 2016/17 Year End Corporate Scorecard Performance

The detailed Corporate Scorecard and year end performance analysis is appended to this report.

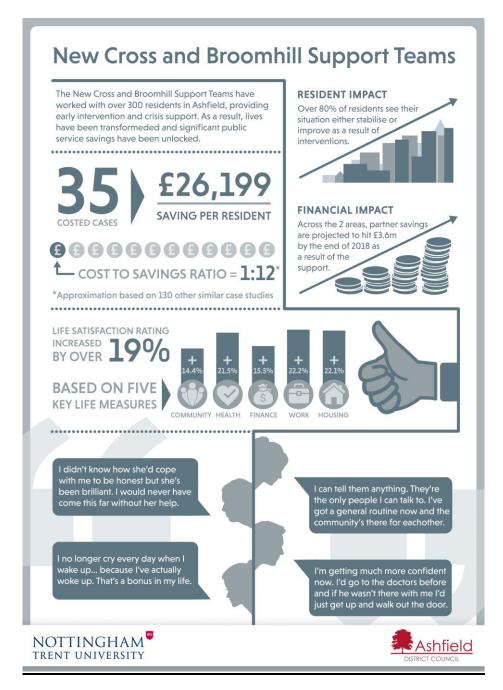
Overall, the outturn for 2016/17 indicates a positive position:-

- 80% of measures indicating an improved position compared to the same period in the previous year;
- 91% of measures achieving or exceeding target, with a further 7% within 10% variance of target.

#### **Key Successes**

#### **New Cross and Broomhill Support Teams**

The Support Teams working in New Cross, Sutton and Broomhill, Hucknall have made significant impacts to peoples lives as summarised below:-



#### <u>Housing</u>

- Significant increases in homelessness prevention activity, upon which there will be further focus in 2017/18 in alignment with the Homelessness Reduction Act
- Delivery of 9 derelict homes brought back into use on Warwick Close, whilst also increasing the number of new affordable homes delivered across the district
- Significant improvements in the turnaround of disabled facilities grants, a reduced waiting list, and completion of more grants to those in need.
- Highest levels of rent collection for the last 6 years at 99.74% due to operational and procedural changes made in the latter part of 2016/17 with greater focus placed on money advice.

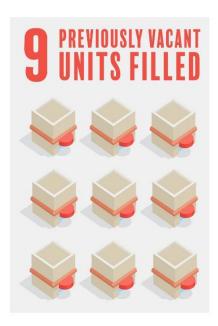
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#### Regeneration

• Delivery of a significant number of regeneration projects, many focussed on town centre improvements, including the retail improvement scheme:-

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#### Recycling

 Successful delivery of the Garden Waste scheme resulting in a 30% increase in the amount of household waste recycled compared to 2015/16, being the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest levels in Nottinghamshire.

#### Organisational Improvements

- Over 12,000 additional payments made, compared to 2015/16, through direct debit or online channels
- Reducing sickness levels across the organisation

#### **Implications**

#### **Corporate Plan:**

The report relates to delivery of the Corporate Plan Priorities. It covers performance for the period April 2016 to March 2017

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#### Legal:

No direct legal implications

#### Finance:

This report is effective from 01/06/2017 and has the following financial implications:

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	Financial performance is included within the detailed corporate scorecard report
General Fund – Capital Programme	
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	

#### **Human Resources / Equality and Diversity:**

High levels of performance improvement can have a positive impact upon employee motivation, engagement and retention, when coupled with excellent leadership, communication and involvement

#### Other Implications:

None

#### Reason(s) for Urgency (if applicable):

#### **Background Papers**

Detailed Corporate Scorecard – Year End Performance 2016/17

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Rob Mitchell CHIEF EXECUTIVE

# Appendix A Corporate Scorecard Performance Report

Generated on: 31 May 2017



## **Community and Customer**

Customer Engagement	Customer Engagement										
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update			
(ADC)CORP/ENG/01 Success of engagement activity	New PI in deve	New PI in development through Organisation Wide Customer Service Review									
(ADC)CORP/ENG/02 Percentage of residents who deel well informed about the budget	31% (2015/16)	New PI 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100% 100%	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16			
(ADC)CORP/ENG/03 Percentage of residents who feel well informed about the positive things the Council does for the local area	54% (2015/16)	New PI 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	## 1007% ##	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16			
(ADC)CORP/ENG/04 Percentage of residents who agree they can influence decisions in their local area	43% (2015/16)	27%			Aim to Maximise	200 1007% 10	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16			

Customer Satisfaction										
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update		
(ADC)CORP/STFS/1 Resident satisfaction with the way the Council runs things	76% (2015/16)	35%			Aim to Maximise	100 20 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16		
(ADC)CORP/STFS/2 Percentage of residents who agree that the council acts on concerns of residents	61% (2015/16)	37%			Aim to Maximise	Tay of (Year)  Tay of (Year)  Tay of (Year)	Place Survey Measure - March 2016  LGA National Poll June 2015  Benchmark - 59%	2015/16		
MADC)CORP/STFS/3 Resident Statisfaction that the council staff are friendly and polite	84% (2015/16)	New PI 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	100%   100%	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16		
(ADC)CORP/STFS/4 Resident perception that the Council is easy to contact		New Pl 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	# 100%   100%	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16		
(ADC)CORP/STFS/5 Resident perception the Council responds quickly	64% (2015/16)	New Pl 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	COORDINATE OF THE PROPERTY OF	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16		

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/STFS/6 Percentage of Ombudsman complaints upheld v decisions made	0% (2015/16)	4.8%			Aim to Minimise		0 out of 17 decisions upheld 2016/17 Report due June/ July	2015/16

Service Standards										
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update		
(ADC)CORP/SERV/1 Number of services with customer satisfaction assessments in place	90%	70%			Aim to Maximise	100 20%		2016/17		
(ADC)CORP/SERV/2 New PI in development through Organisation Wide Customer Service Review Corporate service standards										

## Funding the Future Perspective

Better Use of Assets										
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update		
(ADC)CORP/BUOA/1 Occupancy of ADC commercial property portfolio (excluding Ashfield Business Centre)	94.00%	90.00%			Aim to Maximise	\$1,00%	The occupation of Council commercial property is close to the target of 90%, and we have been able to replace vacating tenants with new tenants insuring the percentage occupancy remains stable whilst actively seeking additional tenants to increase the overall occupancy in future quarters.	Q4 2016/17		

Productivity	Productivity											
Measure C	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update				
ADC)CORP/PROD/2 Overall performance improvement	80%	74%			Aim to Maximise			Q4 2016/17				
(ADC)CORP/PROD/3 Resident perception that the Council provides good Value for Money	57% (2015/16)	23%		•	Aim to Maximise	100   100	Place Survey Measure - March 2016  LGA National Poll June 2015  Benchmark - 51%	2015/16				
(ADC)CORP/PROD/4 Overall performance v target	91%	New Pl	New	New	Aim to Maximise		91% met or above target, further 7% within 10% of target.	Q4 2016/17				

Resources	Resources										
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update			
(ADC)CORP/RSRC/1 Collection of council tax - summary of recent completed years	99.21% (2012/13)	99.2%		•	Aim to Maximise		Because of the size of the overall council tax debit (£60m) it can take up to four years to collect the tax for any given year	2012/13 updated in 2016/17			
(ADC)CORP/RSRC/3 Percentage of Council Tax collected in current year	97.31%	97.50%		•	Aim to Maximise	100.00% ADC/CORP/RSGC/2 Percentage of Council Tax collected in current year \$1,000.00%   100.00%		Q4 2016/17			
(ADC)CORP/RSRC/2 Collection of NNDR - summary of recent completed years	98.72%	98.7%		•	Aim to Maximise	5 (6) 70% (6) 70% (7)	Because of the size of the overall council tax debit (£33m) it can take up to four years to collect the tax for any given year	2012/13 updated in 2016/17			
(ADC)CORP/RSRC/4 Percentage of NNDR collected in current year	97.86%	98.50%		•	Aim to Maximise	(AOCXORP/RSRC/A Percentage of NOR collected in current year  50.00%.  10.00		Q4 2016/17			
(ADC)CORP/RSRC/5 Percentage of rent collected from total rent due	99.74%	99.00%		•	Aim to Maximise	TORA, CARP / ISSNU 5 Percentage or rest conected from total erest one   100,000   10		Q4 2016/17			

## Organisational Effectiveness

Delivery	elivery											
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update				
(ADC)CORP/DLV/01 Delivery of Corporate plan % of actions implemented or on track	84%	90%		•	Aim to Maximise		62% of projects are now completed with a further 22% on track, only 16% across the whole Corporate Plan are off track and reviewed for 17/18	Q4 2016/17				

Delivery - Health and Wellbein	ng Priority							
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/32 Number of user attendances at ADC eisure facilities	1,459,524	1,415,000			Aim to Maximise	(ANC/CORP/DEV/32 hamber of user attendances at ADC knows facilities 1.500.000 (1.500.000	Despite uncertainties surrounding the leisure centre review, attendance continues to gain ground and further enhanced by the inclusion of community based activity attendances organised by the leisure operator	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/33 Percentage of physically active adults in Ashfield	57.4% (2015 data)	56.8%			Aim to Maximise		Public Health England Health Profile Ashfield 2016 – % adults achieving at least 150 mins physical activity per week in 2015 All England benchmarking Mean average 57% = same as average	2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/35 NNDR rateable value	£83,243,263	£80,151,729		•	Aim to Maximise	# \$33,500,000 # \$33,000,000 # \$42,000,000 # \$43,000,000 # \$43,		2017/18
(ADC)CORP/DLV/48 Number of market stalls occupied – outdoor only	6,873	7,159		•	Aim to Maximise	DECEMBER OF White of what of the couple of state of the couple of the co	April – June 1880; July – Sept – 1811; Oct – Dec 1847 , 1335 Jan to March	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/39 Number of value-added market events and supported community events	22	20	<b>&gt;</b>	•	Aim to Maximise	(ADC)(CORP) (NAV/39 Number of value-added market events and supported community events 23 23 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25 25		Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/49 Number of commercial empty properties brought back into use	2	New PI	<b>Ø</b>	New	Aim to Maximise		Includes a workshop premises and a take-away establishment. A further premises has been visually improved but has yet to re-open (but is likely to open this quarter)	Q4 2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/50 Number of dilapidated buildings visually improved	14	New PI		New	Aim to Maximise		A more focussed approach and a targeted month of action has resulted in visual improvement in a significant number of properties. This has included improvements such as clearing land of accumulations of waste, renovation of buildings prior to occupation and redecoration. Whilst significant progress has been made with informal approaches to building owners, formal action has been instigated in a number of case which will facilitate enforced sale of the premises. Remedial works contained in a 215 notice for one premises have commenced resulting in a visual improvement in quarter 1 of the 17/18 financial year.	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/41 Processing of major planning applications within 13 weeks - by quarter - cumulative year-end data	91.00%	75.00%			Aim to Maximise	AGC/CORP/DLV/41 Processing of major planning applications within 13 weeks - by gaster - controllative year-end data   10 meter - by gaster - controllative year-end data   10 meter - by gaster - controllative year-end data   10 meter - by gaster - controllative year-end data   10 meter - by gaster - controllative year-end data   10 meter - by gaster - 10 meter - b	CIPFA Family Group benchmarking Qu 3 2016/17 Within 13 weeks or agreed time ADC 80% Family group average 90% = 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile Year-end position estimate 2 <sup>nd</sup> quartile	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/42 Processing of minor planning applications within eight weeks – by quarter – cumulative year–end data	90.00%	87.00%		-	Aim to Maximise	CACKCORP, TOLV   43 Procession of other funning applications within eight weeks - by general control data	CIPFA Family Group benchmarking Qu 3 2016/17 Within 8 weeks or agreed time ADC 89% Family group average 91% = 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile Year-end position estimate 3 <sup>rd</sup> quartile	Q4 2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/43 Processing of other planning applications within eight weeks – by quarter – cumulative year–end data	96.00%	94.00%		-	Aim to Maximise	90.00% 97.00% 97.00%	CIPFA Family Group benchmarking Qu 3 2016/17 Within 8 weeks or agreed time ADC 97% Family group average 92% = top quartile Year-end position estimate 2nd quartile	Q4 2016/17

Delivery - Housing Priority		1			1			
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/11 Number of homeless people due to DV	27	40	<b>②</b>	•	Aim to Minimise	(ADCX/ORP/EXV/11 Number of homorless people due to EV  10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10 10		Q4 2016/17
ADC)CORP/DLV/19 Number of supported housing units available across the district	6	6	<b>②</b>	New	Aim to Maximise	To got (Years)	New PI 2016/17	2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/47 Number of households prevented from becoming homeless	61	25	<b>②</b>		Aim to Maximise	ACCIDING SECURITION OF SECURIT	Improvement target of 100 set for 2017/18 in order to increase prevention activity in line with new requirements of Homelessness Reduction Act	Q4 2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/22 Number of long-term empty homes and derelict brought back into use	170	100		•	Aim to Maximise	OAC(COP) (SEV/22 Pember of long-term crepty homes and derector brought back into use to the company of the comp	New officer in post after loss of officer, expected to exceed q3&q4	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/02 Number of social housing tenants downsizing to release family homes (housed through Relocation Plus Service)	68	65	<b>②</b>	•	Aim to Maximise	UACK/CRP/SEV/VEX Number of social brustes prosests demonstral parelease family homes (function Print Screen)  To the social brushes and social brushes the screen of the social brushes the social brushes the screen of the social brushes and s		Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/03 Number of new affordable homes delivered during the year	147	100			Aim to Maximise	SECTION And a final death has a film dampt pay    10	CIPFA Family Group benchmarking 2015/16 No of affordable homes delivered (gross) Family group average 47, top quartile 60 + Year-end estimate top quartile	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/04 Number of Women supported and housed through the Refuge units (that had positive outcome)	14	12			Aim to Maximise	(AGC)CORP, DLV, D4 Number of Wissens supported and housed through the Refuge units  15  12.5  13.5  2.5  3.7  10.0		Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/05 Regeneration on Warwick Close – bring x 9 derelict homes back into use	9	9			Aim to Maximise	Page 1 Transit (Linux)		Q4 2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/07 Disabled facility grant - number of grants delivered	118	65		•	Aim to Maximise	(AGCXCOPP) (NAV) (97 Dissibled facility grant — number of grants delevered  123 123 124 125 126 127 127 128 129 129 129 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120 120	this figure is accumulative	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/18 Average void re-let time (DAYS)	21.6	21.0		•	Aim to Minimise	(ACCCORP/DIV/18 Average void re-let time of Council Homes (DATS)  25.5  22.6	The end of year performance was slightly above target due to a number of difficult to let studio flats within sheltered housing courts taking a disproportionate amount of time to let.	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/20 Percentage of non-decent nomes of total housing stock	0.44%	0.50%		•	Aim to Minimise	(ACCCORP DN V28 Percentage of non-decret homes of total council housing study.)  1.00%		Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/09 Number of properties inspected end enforcement action taken to mitigate cold hazards	512	400		•	Aim to Maximise	(ASCX COSP) DLV (99) Number of proportion impacted and enforcement action taken to orining at each hazards	Officers working at high levels with targeted enforcement which yields greater results in Q2/Q3/Q4 due to seasonality issues (Spring is often much lower Q1).	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/10 Number of properties inspected and enforcement action taken to mitigate damp and mould	314	200		•	Aim to Maximise	VASA K DOP/ DA V/ 10 Number of preparties supersed and intercement action taken to mitigate damp and moudd		Q4 2016/17

Delivery - Place and Commun	ities Priority							
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/14 Number of resident-generated service requests received - litter	591	598			Aim to Minimise	EACC/CORP./GLV/14 Number of resident-generated service requests received—latter  100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1	In partnership with Keep Britain Tidy a campaign against vehicle litter has been underway in Ashfield which has seen a 45% reduction in litter in the targeted areas. This approach will be rolled out across the district to target hot spot areas where fast food litter is often found.	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/15 Number of resident-generated service requests received - dog fouling	370	360		•	Aim to Minimise	CACCIDEP (CVV/15 hamber of residuos) general and service requests received - dog frading  60  60  60  60  60  60  60  60  60  6	Hard hitting imagery that highlights the impact dog fouling has on the area and citizens has helped to support a reduction in instances of dog fouling in the district, however the anticipated seasonal increase in dog fouling due to the dark nights is anticipated and the 'we're watching you' glow in the dark campaign signs are being moved into hot spot areas to continue to tackle the issue.	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/16 Number of resident-generated service requests received - fly- tipping	799	575		•	Aim to Minimise	(ADCX/OBP/INV/16 Number of resident-generated service requests received—By Usping 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50 50	Nationally there was downward trend in instances of fly tipping until 2013/14 when an increase was starting to be seen. This trend has continued through 15/16 with 852,000 instances across the country which equates to a 5.2% national increase. In Ashfield targeted action is being taken to reduce the impact of fly tipping on the district, with the building and contractor waste and household furniture still accounting	Q4 2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
							for the majority of incidents, officers are trying different tactics to address the issue.	
Page 29							The Even Cleaners Streets campaign is working on creating some hard hitting imagery and work around hot spot mapping, and signage trials are under way. A recent change in legislation means that FPNs can be used with an instant fine of up to £400 when evidence is found in small fly tips. The latest campaign is working on gathering crucial evidence for the repeat offenders to progress to large prosecutions. An Enforcement Officer is now working with Environmental Services in this area of focus.	
(ADC)CORP/DLV/17 % resident satisfaction with cleanliness of the district – keeping land clear of litter and refuse	60% (2015/16)	53%			Aim to Maximise		Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16
(ADC)CORP/DLV/34 Number of new Environmental Volunteers actively engaged	99	50			Aim to Maximise	(AOCXORP/DLV/34 Number of new Environmental Woharkers actively engaged  100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 100 1		Q4 2016/17

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/36 Incidents of ASB – police recorded	3,559	3,581		•	Aim to Minimise	(AGC)COSP, DAV 7.05 Incidents of ASS - police recorded 3.550 3.500 3.500 3.500 2.500		Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/37 Percentage of customers satisfied with the action the Council has taken – ASB & Nuisance	96%	86%	<b>⊘</b>	•	Aim to Maximise	(ADC)CORP/DAV/37 Percentage of customers satisfied with the action the Council has taken - ASI & Nationare  100%  100%  100% 100% 100% 100% 100%		Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/12 Percentage of household waste recycled and gomposted	41.11%	31.74%			Aim to Maximise	Man Tables	This is the final figure for 2016/17. An expected dip from Quarter 3 due to the Garden Waste service not running during the winter months. However there is a significant increase of 9.37% year on year  CIPFA Family Group benchmarking 2015/16  ADC 31.82% Family group average 39.58%  = bottom quartile Year-end estimate 2nd (40.72-45.63%)	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/13 % resident satisfaction with waste and recycling service	78%	77%			Aim to Maximise		Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DLV/24 Number of consultations undertaken with the Youth Forum	1	New Pl 2016/17	New	New	Aim to Maximise	0.8	December and January meetings not going ahead. Contribution received in relation to social media input.	Q4 2016/17

Delivery - Organisational Impr	ovement Priorit	у						
Measure	YTD Actual	YID Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/TRNS/2 Number of online payments made	27,582	25,087		•	Aim to Maximise			Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/TRNS/3 Number of direct debit payments made	341,042	331,088	<b>②</b>		Aim to Maximise			Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/TRNS/4 Resident perception the Council website is easy to use	52%	New PI 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	# 100%   100%	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/TRNS/5 % residents prefer contact from the council via email	17%	New PI 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	BE 100% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90% 90%	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16
(ADC)CORP/TRNS/6 % residents contacting the council via email	7%	New Pl 2016	New	New	Aim to Maximise	2000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 000 00	Place Survey Measure - March 2016	2015/16
(ADC)CORP/DLV/29 level of efficiencies identified through service reviews	£285,444	New PI 2016	New	•	Aim to Maximise	MICROSTANA DAS	Relates to maximum efficiencies identified from service reviews prior to consultation and final decision	Q4 2016/17
ADC)CORP/DLV/30 level of efficiencies from service eviews realised	£246,552	£154,000			Aim to Maximise	The state of the s	Relates to efficiencies agreed from service reviews following consultation and final decision. Target of £154k in 2016/17 savings strategy. Although this has been achieved, most of the reductions to budget were made from April 2017/18	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/DLV/31 return on investment from transformation projects	47%	New Pl 2016/17	New	New	Aim to maximise		Initial transformation projects have been legal case mgt system and replacement LLPG, realising a total of £18k net efficiency per annum against an upfront investment of £38k	2016/17

## Our People

**Developing Our People** 

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/DOP/01 Achieve	Yes	Yes			Aim to Meet	(ADC)CORP/DDP/01 Actions Silver Standard of the Nottinghamshire Workplace Health Award Scheme Yes		2016/17
Silver Standard of the								
Nottinghamshire Workplace						No.		
Health Award Scheme						Establis ■ Years		

ransforming Our Organisation								
Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/TROG/1 % employees who feel valued by ADC as an organisation	46% (2015/16)	33%			Aim to Maximise		Next survey 2017, target 55%	2015/16
(ADC)CORP/TROG/2 employee satisfaction with ADC as an 'employer of choice	New	New	New	New	Aim to Maximise		New measure for next survey in 2017, target 60%	new
(ADC)CORP/TROG/3 Percentage of employees feel that Ashfield District Council is a good place to work	70%	62%	<b>②</b>		Aim to Maximise		This is dependent upon the employee survey which is run every two years.  Next survey 2017	2015/16
(ADC)CORP/TROG/4 Employee satisfaction with their job	62%	60%	<b>②</b>	•	Aim to Maximise		This is dependent upon the employee survey which is run every two years.  Next survey 2017	2015/16

Measure	YTD Actual	YTD Target	RAG Status	Trend	Desired Direction of Travel	Trend Chart	Comments	Last Update
(ADC)CORP/VOP/01 Self- assess as meeting 'Achieving' level of Equalities Framework for Local Government.	Yes	Yes	<b>②</b>		Aim to Maximise	(ADC)CORP/VOP/81 Self-assess as meeting Nelscenage level of Equalities Framework for total Government.  Total  Total  The The Agift		2015/16
(ADC)CORP/VOP/02 Average days' absence per FTE	8.53	10.00	<b>②</b>		Aim to Minimise	(ADC)CORP/VOP/02 Average days' absence per FTE  12.50  10.00  10.00  10.00  7.49  7.49  7.49  7.49  2.57  4.58  4.58  4.58  4.59  4.50  4.	CIPFA Family Group benchmarking 2014/15 ADC 14 days Family group average 9.6 days = bottom quartile Now moving towards 2nd	Q4 2016/17
(ADC)CORP/VOP/03 % of Overall workforce which are Young People	4.42%	2.8%		•	Aim to Maximise	## Name   Target (Name)   ## Name		2016/17

# Agenda Item 5



Report To:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Date:	27 JUNE 2017		
Heading:	SCRUTINY WORKPLAN 20	17-18			
Portfolio Holder:					
Ward/s:	ALL				
Key Decision:	NO				
Subject To Call-In:	NO				

#### **Purpose Of Report**

The Scrutiny workplan is a standing item on the Overview and Scrutiny Agenda. This report aims to focus Members on developing and reviewing a new Scrutiny workplan for 2017/18. Members are requested to review the topics that have been put forward thus far, consider any additional items that may be beneficial for review and agree a list of up to 8 topics for the workplan. In doing so Members should discuss any potential review topics, taking into account reasons for any future review, potential value added, timescales and priorities.

The workplan will be a live document and ongoing consultation will continue to be undertaken with Service Directors, Third Tier Officers and Members. Community engagement will also form part of an ongoing consultation process. All suggestions received will be discussed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the aim of developing a sound, informed and flexible workplan that will add value to the community and the work carried out by the Council and its partners.

#### Recommendation(s)

- Note the suggestions already received for consideration;
- Consider any additional future topics for the 2017/18 workplan that may benefit from Scrutiny involvement

#### Reasons For Recommendation(s)

Consulting, reviewing and agreeing items for the Scrutiny workplan 2017/18 provides guidance and direction for the work undertaken by Scrutiny in the coming year.

#### **Alternative Options Considered (With Reasons Why Not Adopted)**

No alternative options have been considered, as agreeing the Scrutiny workplan is part of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules within the Council's Constitution.

#### **Detailed Information**

#### What is a Work Plan?

The Scrutiny Work Plan outlines the areas of work which are expected to be scrutinised over the coming months / year by or on behalf of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Panels A and B. Topics added to the workplan should have expected outcomes to add value to the services delivered by the Council and it's partners and/or improve the quality of lives of Ashfield residents.

It is recognised that there is a need for flexibility in the work plan so as to allow relevant issues to be dealt with as and when they arise. It is suggested that the number of items placed on the workplan should be limited to no more than 8.

#### **Sources of Work Plan Ideas**

Numerous sources of information can help to inform topic selection, including:

- Concerns that have been raised by the public relating to Council delivered services
- Issues of community concern not necessarily services delivered by the Council
- Issues that have been flagged up by reviews, audits or inspections (past and present).
- Issues relating to Councils outcomes, objectives and priorities
- Consultations and interviews
- Underperformance
- "Stakeholders" concerns raised by the Council's partners or the users of services
- Partnership objectives
- Cabinet Members, Chief Executive or Service Directors presentations about the pertinent issues that are emerging and any opportunities or threats on the horizon.
- Central government priority changes.
- Analysis of customer complaints.
- Improvement Plans.
- Forward Plan
- Budgetary analysis.

Scrutiny is also encouraged to think about external Scrutiny and the monitoring of other public bodies, and how its activities will engage partner organisations, the media and the public.

#### **Selecting a Work Plan Topics**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee should use effective processes to select topics that will contribute towards the best possible workplan for Scrutiny. This means looking at the sources of information that may help and using them to choose the right topics. This involves:

• Drawing out and discussing what matters most to Councillors and to the community at large.

- Finding out about any research that has been completed or that is planned
- Prioritising topics.
- Looking at what the Scrutiny function has done before.
- Considering what added value is expected as a result of Scrutiny involvement
- Considering whether the topic is already being reviewed elsewhere
- Planning how to get the best from the Committee and Panel meetings

It is also important to note that Overview & Scrutiny have limited time and resources and therefore workplans need to be manageable. It is not possible to include every topic suggested by Members, Service Directors or the Public in the workplan. Successful Scrutiny is about looking at the right topic in the right way and Members will need to be selective whilst also being able to demonstrate clear arguments in favour of including or excluding topics.

#### **Risks**

A common pitfall for Overview & Scrutiny can be the inclusion of topics on the work plan that are unmanageable, of limited interest to the community, purely for informational purposes, have few outcomes and fail to 'add value' to the work of the Council or the well being of the community. As such the selection and prioritisation of topics is critical to the effectiveness of Overview & Scrutiny as such processes can ensure clearer focus, particularly in poor or weak areas of performance or major issues of concern to the wider community.

The Peer Challenge in 2017 highlighted that Scrutiny would benefit from an increased focus on strategic issues, therefore it may be informative to consider issues prioritised in both the Corporate Plan and the Forward Plan.

#### **Topic Suggestions for the 2017/18 Scrutiny Workplan**

Topic	Reason / Objective
Garden Waste Project	Year end performance, what have been the savings / benefits.
Impact of car parking usage in town centres	Members would like to consider what impact car parking in town centres has had to both footfall and town centre economy.
Indoor Markets	To consider the changes to indoor market from traders perspective? Lessons learned, what can be improved etc?
Pest Control (Street Vermin)	How the Council currently deals with pest control and how can it continue to improve its services.
Peer Challenge Action Plan	Monitoring and reviewing progress against the action Plan.

Community Protection	What are the current issues of concern, how do we work with our partners to respond and be proactive.				
Торіс	Reason / Objective				
Absenteeism	Follow up desk top review to get current position and consider what have we done differently, is it working?				
Commercial Enterprise Strategy / Commercialism	To consider current initiatives / processes / actions / ideas to develop sustainable commercial projects.				
Leisure Facilities Provision	To consider strategic approach to provision of leisure facilities in the future in line with the Council's Health & Well-being Priority.				
Standing Items					
Performance	Quarterly through the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's consideration of Corporate Scorecards.				
Budget Scrutiny	Annually and when required – through the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.				
Crime and Disorder Scrutiny	Annually and when required – through the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.				
Housing Performance Scrutiny	An opportunity to challenge housing performance via dedicated Housing Scrutiny. This will happen at the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. 2 representatives will be appointed (with no voting rights) 1 AFTRA Member and 1 Gateway Representative.				

### **Implications**

#### **Corporate Plan:**

The Scrutiny work plan should include issues based on performance, priority objectives and community concerns, many of which contribute to the Councils priorities, vision and outcomes contained in the Corporate Plan 2016 – 2019;

- Health and wellbeing of our residents.
- Economic Regeneration
- Place and Communities.
- Organisational Improvement
- Housing

#### Legal:

Consultation with Elected Members on items for the Scrutiny workplan is in accordance with procedure rules set out in the Councils Constitution.

#### Finance:

There are no immediate direct financial implications contained in the report, however Scrutiny reviews suggested and agreed for the workplan will consider financial implications and seek appropriate advice where applicable at the earliest opportunity.

Budget Area	Implication
General Fund – Revenue Budget	None
General Fund – Capital Programme	None
Housing Revenue Account – Revenue Budget	None
Housing Revenue Account – Capital Programme	None

#### **Human Resources / Equality and Diversity:**

Where there are HR / equality and diversity implications identified through items agreed for the Scrutiny workplan, these will be consulted upon and considered as part of the wider workforce planning and equalities agendas.

#### Other Implications:

Unison / GMB will be consulted upon reviews that have potential staffing issues in a timely manner.

#### Reason(s) for Urgency (if applicable):

None

#### **Background Papers**

Scrutiny Workplan 2016/17

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