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CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

2 March 2022

Dear Councillor

A Meeting of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee will be held in **Council Chamber**, **Marmion House**, **Lichfield Street**, **Tamworth**, **B79 7BZ on Thursday**, **10th March**, **2022 at 6.00 pm.** Members of the Committee are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

AGENDA

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- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 12)
- 3 Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of Members' interests (personal and/or personal and prejudicial) in any matters which are to be considered at this meeting.

When Members are declaring a personal interest or personal and prejudicial interest in respect of which they have dispensation, they should specify the nature of such interest. Members should leave the room if they have a personal and prejudicial interest in respect of which they do not have a dispensation.

- 4 Chair's Update
- 5 Responses to Reports of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee
- 6 Consideration of Matters referred to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee from Cabinet / Council
- 7 Forward Plan

Please see the link to the Forward Plan:

http://democracy.tamworth.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=120&RD=0&bcr=1

8 Draft Annual Report of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee for 2021-22 (Pages 13 - 22)

(Report of the Chair of the Committee)

9 Corporate Scrutiny Committee Work Plan (Pages 23 - 24)

Discussion item

10 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider excluding the Press and Public from the meeting by passing the following resolution:-

"That in accordance with the provisions of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meeting and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012, and Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act and the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information to the public"

At the time this agenda is published no representations have been received that this part of the meeting should be open to the public

11 Update on Solway (Tamworth) Ltd (Pages 25 - 72)

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To Councillors: T Jay, S Pritchard, J Chesworth, A Cooper, R Ford, S Goodall, J Jones, Dr S Peaple and R Rogers





MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors S Pritchard (Vice-Chair in the Chair), J Chesworth,

A Cooper, R Ford, S Goodall, J Harper, Dr S Peaple and

R Rogers

CABINET Councillor Marie Bailey

The following officers were present: Tina Mustafa (Assistant Director Neighbourhoods), Lynne Pugh (Assistant Director Finance), Paul Weston (Assistant Director Assets), Zoe Wolicki (Assistant Director People), Ali Millard (Head of Customer Experience) and Jo Hutchison (Democratic Services, Scrutiny and Elections Officer)

41 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor T Jay and therefore Councillor S Pritchard chaired the meeting.

42 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18th November 2021 were approved as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor Dr S Peaple and seconded by Councillor S Goodall)

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

44 CHAIR'S UPDATE

The Chair reminded members that a written update had been circulated regarding the request for further information on returns on investments and he further reminded members that there was an all Councillor training session scheduled for Wednesday 9 February 2022 on TEAMS which had been organised by Stefan Garner and would be delivered by the Council's treasury management consultants, Link Asset Services, where members could ask for any further clarifications required.

The Chair reported that the previously scheduled meeting on 9 December 2021 was cancelled because the reports which had been due for consideration at that meeting, were not ready at that time and were included on this meeting's agenda.

45 RESPONSES TO REPORTS OF THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

The Chair reported that at the 18 November 2021 meeting, this Committee considered the QPR Q2 Performance Report and the Committee's comments and clarifications were recorded in the updated version of the Report considered by Cabinet on 2 December 2021.

46 CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS REFERRED TO THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FROM CABINET / COUNCIL

There were no matters referred for consideration.

47 FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the Forward Plan, and noted the new item added regarding Council Housing Rent Accreditation and agreed to consider later on the Agenda whether any items identified on the Forward Plan would be added to the Committee's Work Plan.

48 RESET & RECOVERY

The Chair introduced the Recovery & Reset Programme Director / Assistant Director, Neighbourhoods, the Assistant Director Finance and a representative of Truman Change who were in attendance to provide an overview of the overall Reset & Recovery programme, the workstream allocation between the scrutiny committees and an overview of the two workstreams allocated for this Committee's scrutiny:

- 1. Service Redesign
- 2. Finance

The Recovery & Reset Programme Director highlighted to the Committee:

- 1. The Recovery & Reset programme aims, which included increasing the Council's financial resilience, delivering our core statutory services, enhancing our citizen's experience, collaborating with the voluntary sector, regenerating and place shaping and encouraging inward investment, reducing our carbon footprint and celebrating our heritage and assets. It was highlighted that these projects were closely interdependent.
- 2. The proposed oversight by the three scrutiny committees and the Audit & Governance Committee, and comments from these workstreams would go forward to the overall Programme Board.

- 3. The Programme Summary where it was reported that the programme was on track, all the risks were being managed and the highest risk currently identified was in the Economic & Regeneration workstream in terms of the viability of the regeneration of Marmion House.
- 4. The Recovery & Reset Timeline and the requirement to deliver to the timelines identified in order to deliver the savings identified in previous Cabinet / Council reports. The Programme Director reported that the Cabinet Report due for consideration on 7th April 2022 would set out recommendations on next steps, what the Customer Services Offer would look like, what the arrangements would be for Marmion House in terms of security and / or demolition.
- 5. An overview of the three phases of the Service Re-design workstream, and that in particular the approach to Phase 3 had shifted to include a strategic assessment, including horizon scanning in terms of the extent of any organisational reviews beyond 2023.

The Assistant Director Finance provided an overview of the Finance workstream, which had 5 projects within it and that the main focus had been on the first, which was to reduce the deficit from £9.3 million.

The Assistant Director updated the Committee on the updated figures from the Local Government Finance settlement figures, which had provided an additional £2.2m for 2022/23 and the Council had identified further savings of £2.9m over 5 years through Phase 1 of the Reset & Recovery programme. However it was reported that a significant number of uncertainties in the budget over future years remain.

Work on the other areas within the Finance Workstream included a focus on a commerciality strategy to introduce a more business-like approach and to ensure staff had the required skills, and also to improve areas of training for staff in terms of financial processes, including procurement which would feed into the work on the value for money strategy, as well as a review of fees and charges.

The Committee sought clarification in the following areas:

- The opportunities raised for more energy efficient buildings for the Council's offices which could potentially assist in reducing the impact of energy price rises and assist in working to reduce the Council's carbon footprint, where it was reported that this would be a factor for consideration, within any constraints of the nature and term of any lease for new premises.
- 2. The Committee highlighted the benefits of extended customer service operating hours which had operated as a result of the pandemic and whether this would continue in any new office location. It was reported that it was currently expected that booked appointments would remain during conventional office hours however, the move to digital enabled services

would be available. The Assistant Director, People further identified that careful consideration would be given to vulnerable customers and to ensure that there was a clear picture of the demand from vulnerable customers. It terms of overall demand, it was reported that the demand for electronic interactions, via emails and web chat, had increased during the pandemic, whereas the demand for telephone interactions had remained steady.

3. On the financial position and the period over which the budget was balanced, where it was reported that there was a £4.5m deficit over 5 years, with a balanced budget over three years.

The Committee noted that comments had been made by other scrutiny committees in respect of the Recovery & Reset workstreams, and that together with the comments raised above, Cabinet's attention be drawn to those comments.

The Committee thanked the Officers for their attendance, and the Programme Director and representative of Truman Change then left the meeting.

49 QUARTER THREE 2021/22 PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Committee received the Quarterly Performance Report Q3 which included a performance update and financial health-check, and following review by this Committee the report would be presented to Cabinet on 17th February 2022.

The Committee sought clarifications in the following areas:

- 1. Under the Corporate Plan Project and Corporate Risk Register, the Committee noted the potential risk in terms of impacts on costs on projects (for example, energy costs impacting on raw material costs)
- 2. Under the Regeneration Projects update, the Committee noted that there would be a Solway update at the March 2022 Corporate Scrutiny Committee meeting and welcomed this. In respect of Future High Street Fund item the Committee noted the position regarding negotiation for vacant possession of Middle Entry, and the Committee requested a confidential update focussed on the progress in respect of the position on Middle Entry vacant possession and the Co-operative site. In addition a further update on the marketing of the Amington Local Centre was requested including on the general position and timing.
- 3. In terms of the Net Zero Carbon Project Highlight Report it was noted that Infrastructure Safety & Growth Scrutiny would lead the scrutiny consideration of this.
- 4. In terms of the Corporate Capital Strategy and in particular with regard to the Council's investments in Property Funds, a question was raised on what proportion of the Property Funds were not invested in property (for example in Government bonds and other financial instruments). The Vice-

Chair also drew members' attention to the Treasury Management training on 9th February.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted.

(Moved by Councillor Dr S Peaple and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

The Assistant Director Finance then left the meeting.

50 POST IMPLEMENTATION REVIEW MY TAMWORTH PORTAL

The Chair welcomed the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Risk and Customer Services, Councillor M Bailey and the Assistant Director, People and the Head of Customer Experience for this item.

The Committee received the update which highlighted the current position of the My Tamworth Customer Portal, and provided a review of the project including the costs, difficulties encountered, outcomes to date and the future project plan. It was noted that whilst the procurement for the customer relationship management system and self-service customer portal commenced in early 2018, with an expected completion date in September 2019, difficulties in acheiving the deliverables by the successful tenderer were encountered, leading to delays and leading to alternative solutions being sought.

The Committee received an overview from the Head of Customer Experience of the post project review, which included lessons learnt.

The Committee commented and sought clarifications in the following areas:

- 1. The Committee welcomed the post implementation review undertaken to seek to understand fully the issues encountered and to learn from the process.
- The Committee felt that further focus on the tendering process, including the assessment of tenderer capabilities to deliver to the specification, could assist the delivery of future projects and that this could be an additional recommendation.
- 3. Whether, and the extent to which, other councils were approached for their best practice in delivering a similar self-service portal, noting that as a council with housing stock this could require different considerations to those councils with no housing stock.
- 4. The Committee noted that the end product did seem to work well, and noted the hard work of Officers to deliver the end product.

RESOLVED that this Committee recommend to Cabinet that the Audit & Governance Committee be requested to look at the tendering process used by the Council with a particular regard to the scoring mechanism process and that it report back to Cabinet on its findings.

(Moved by Councillor Dr S Peaple and seconded by Councillor J Harper)

RESOLVED that the Committee:

- 1. Endorsed the contents of the Report
- 2. Endorsed the recommendations included within the report, noting that this Committee would be updated regularly.

(Moved by Councillor Dr S Peaple and seconded by Councillor R Ford)

51 UPDATE ON ASSET MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

The Chair welcomed the Portfolio Holder for Finance, Risk and Customer Services and the Assistant Director, Assets for this item which was to provide the Committee with an update on the Asset Management work completed to date and to provide information on the next steps.

The Assistant Director reported that condition surveys of both Council Housing stock and non-housing properties had been completed. Part of this work had been interrupted by the pandemic. In addition a gap analysis of our existing approach was undertaken to support the update to the Asset Management Strategy. The condition survey work provided the Council with details of costs to maintain the assets covered in the reports to currently acceptable standards. The data did not provide information on any future improvements which could be required to meet any changing legislation for example to achieve zero carbon targets. It was reported that work would now be required to start mapping the investment required against the income received from assets.

This work had identified:

- 1. For the HRA property portfolio, an investment need of circa. £128.2m over the next 30 years based on meeting the current Decent Homes Standard.
- 2. For the non-housing properties, an investment need of circa. £5.6m over the next 30 years based on maintaining to a reasonable standard.

The Committee commented on and sought clarifications in the following areas:

- Why the previous asset management strategy had not been implemented, where it was reported that the strategy had largely been followed, however, the reasons for not formally implementing it were not known.
- Whether not formally implementing the asset management strategy previously had impacted on the gap analysis undertaken recently, where it was reported that this could have been the case in some areas although the practice on site of asset management had been consistent.
- Whether the £128m was an inflated price due to not implementing the asset management strategy, where it was reported that this figure was for the housing stock and related to maintaining housing to the Decent Homes Standard, for example replacement kitchens, bathrooms, heating systems, windows and ongoing upkeep and the asset management in this area had always been designed to achieve the Decent Homes Standard.

- Whether the zero carbon policy was achievable in this area, where it was reported that this was an ongoing piece of work.
- The composition of the Asset Strategy Steering Group which it was reported comprised the Chief Executive, the Executive Director, Finance, the Executive Director, Communities, the Assistant Director Finance and Assistant Director Assets and which reported to the Portfolio Holder.
- Whether there were some parts of our estate which were not as attractive to be let, or whether the question was more that there was not the demand for certain types of the estate. The Assistant Director reported that whilst the Council owned limited stock in the town centre and whilst there were a couple of long term empty units in the town centre, the Council's retail stock on housing estates and on industrial units was generally well let, and the demand was reasonably good. Whilst the demand for retail was less strong, the Council had limited exposure in that area.
- That consideration could be required to balancing the objective of financial viability / affordability, net zero targets and the wider benefits to retain and maintain certain assets.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the content of the report be noted.
- 2. To note that further discussions through the Asset Strategy Steering Group should take place.
- 3. That the current Asset Management Strategy be formally updated taking account of new data.
- 4. That Asset Management Plans for individual and groups of properties should be developed.

(Moved by Councillor R Ford and seconded by Councillor A Cooper)

The Committee thanked the Officers and the Portfolio Holder for their attendance who then left the meeting.

52 CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

The Committee considered its Work plan and updated it as follows:

Corporate Scrutiny Work Plan

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May / June 2022 (tbc)	Asset Management Strategy	February 2022		

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10 March 2022	

Chair

CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE Agenda Item 8

THURSDAY 10TH MARCH 2022

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE SCRUTINY CHAIR

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2021-2022 ANNUAL REPORT

EXEMPT INFORMATION

None.

PURPOSE

The attached draft Chair's Annual Report of the Committee has been prepared and is circulated for comment by the Committee prior to presentation to full Council in the next municipal year. The attached draft report is intended to formally update Council on the activities of the Committee over the year 2021/22.

The attached draft report will be updated following the final meeting of this Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee consider the contents of the draft Report.

REPORT AUTHORS

Chair of Corporate Scrutiny Committee - Councillor T Jay

APPENDICES

Draft Annual Report of Corporate Scrutiny Committee – 2021/22



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Report of the Chair

Annual Report of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

To provide full Council with an overview of the work and activities undertaken by the Corporate Scrutiny Committee during the year 2021/22. The draft Annual Report was received by the Committee at its final meeting in the last municipal year and any updates agreed by the Chair following that meeting.

Executive Summary

This report covers the following:

- Chair's overview
- Working Groups
- Recommendations made in the year to Cabinet
- Committee Terms of Reference
- Membership and Attendance
- Training & Effectiveness
- Work Plan
- Resource implications

Recommendations

Council is requested to:

Note the Annual Report of the Committee;

Chair's Overview

The Committee met six times in the 2021/22 municipal year, two of the scheduled meetings (14 July 2021 and 9 December 2021) were not required as the business due to be considered at those meetings was not ready for presentation.

These meetings have all been in person for councillors, officers and guests, as the regulations in place during the 2020/21 municipal year were not extended.

The work ethic and input from committee members has been excellent and that is reflected in the breadth of items considered this year.

In terms of the work of the Committee during 2021/22 municipal year, this has included:

1. Policy Development and /or Review

This is where the Committee has contributed to the Council's policy development processes and / or where the Committee has considered the implementation of policies and feeding back scrutiny views to Cabinet.

1. <u>State of Tamworth Debate</u>. Following the full Council debate, the Committee considered whether any of the discussion points raised at the State of Tamworth Debate held on 9th March 2021 should be developed into further work plan items. The Committee agreed that most items would be covered through the Reset & Recovery Programme and /or the Quarterly performance Reports which were received regularly.

2. Monitoring (scrutiny)

This is where the Committee has undertaken monitoring of the Council's performance and progress. In particular the Terms of Reference for this Committee set out the specific areas for scrutiny which include scrutiny of the achievement of the Council's strategic priorities and scrutiny of the performance and functions of other public bodies, statutory undertakers or other such organisations who provide or facilitate the provision of public services within the Borough. To assist in the achievement of this the Committee's remit includes scrutinising matters related to:

- (a) Forward Plan
- (b) Quarterly performance reports
- (c) Corporate plan
- (d) Major Council led projects
- (e) Investment strategy
- (f) HRA function
- (g) Bi-annually review and scrutinise matters relating to the Local Authority Trading Company's activities and performance.

Over the year 2021/22, there has been regular review of the Forward Plan at all meetings to identify areas which would either require pre decision scrutiny and /or post implementation scrutiny.

During this year the Committee's Work Plan was used to track progress on scrutiny of matters identified via the Forward Plan. Examples of areas which were identified for the Committee's scrutiny, as a result of regular Forward Plan consideration were:

Staffordshire Leaders Board

The Committee had also during the year considered the Quarterly Performance Reports. The Committee had received the relevant quarter's draft report and the meetings had normally been attended by senior Officers and/or the Leader. This consideration had been prior to Cabinet's receipt of the report and had enabled the Committee's comments, where relevant, to be taken on board prior to Cabinet's consideration. Further details are given below.

The Committee confirmed that it had reviewed and considered the Cabinet and Council Decisions made between March 2020 and April 2021.

In terms of major Council led projects, details of these were included in the Quarterly Performance Reports and progress was tracked by the Committee through the regular receipt of these reports.

Quarterly Performance Reports (QPRs)

The Committee has received, and scrutinised, each quarter's performance report prior to Cabinet review and approval.

Following the Committee's consideration, any areas where further clarification from the committee were sought or areas to which the Committee considered Cabinet's attention should be drawn were included in the revised version of the QPR report submitted to Cabinet.

The following areas received scrutiny through the regular receipt of the QPR reports:

- Corporate Capital Strategy
- The Future High Street Fund
- Medium Term Financial Strategy
- Customer Portal (see further details below)
- Gungate project
- Net Zero Carbon project
- Recovery & Reset (see further details below)

During consideration of the QPRs, this resulted in areas for this Committee's further consideration being identified and in this municipal year that led to agenda items on Disabled Facilities Grant Funding being added to the August 2021 meeting.

Further information on the Council's treasury management and investment process was requested and circulated and a treasury management seminar for all members was held in February 2022

The Committee considered in further depth the following items:

1. Disabled Facilities Grant Funding

Following consideration of the QPR Report Q4 (2020/21) the Committee requested a briefing on the funding received in respect of Disabled Facilities Grants which was brought to the Committee to its 24th August 2021 Committee meeting.

Following consideration, the Committee made a recommendation to cabinet, which is detailed below.

2. Update on Implementation of Housing Repairs Contract

The Assistant Director, Assets provided an overview of the new contract which had been implemented on 1 April 2020 following a full formal tender process, which included an update on the impact of the pandemic and the prioritisation of urgent repairs at that point, and feedback on the decision to bring the call

centre activities back in-house. An overview of the satisfaction levels and complaints and their causes was provided.

3. Members' proposal to consider a memorial / reflection area within the Borough The Assistant Director, Operations and the Operations Manager attended the meeting to present possible option for a reflection / memorial area. This report followed consideration by this Committee and recommendations to Cabinet and full council in 2020/21 municipal year.

The Committee considered the options presented and following discussion, they proposed no further action at this time.

4. Recovery & Reset

At the 1 February 2022, the Committee received an update on the Recovery & Reset programme aims and the proposed oversight by the three scrutiny committees and the Audit & Governance Committee of the programme and feedback was sought on the arrangements which would be fed into the overall Programme Board.

It was planned that this Committee would be briefed on the overall the programme management. The Committee was updated on the report due to be considered by Cabinet on 7th April 2022 which would set out recommendations on next steps. An overview of the Service Re-design work stream and Finance work stream was provided.

5. Post Implementation Review – My Tamworth Portal

The Committee received an update which highlighted the current position of the My Tamworth Customer Portal, and provided a review of the project including the costs, difficulties encountered, outcomes to date and the future project plan.

The Committee considered the challenges faced by this project and made recommendations to Cabinet following consideration of the lessons learnt from this project. The Committee agreed that it would retain this item on its work plan for a future review.

6. Asset Management Strategy

The Committee received an update on the Asset Management work completed to date and was provided with information on the next steps of the work.

Condition surveys of both Council Housing stock and non-housing properties had been completed and gap analysis of our existing approach had been undertaken to support the updating of the Asset Management Strategy.

The Committee agreed to retain this item on its work plan.

7. Solway (Tamworth) Limited

To be completed after March meeting.

3. Call-in

This is where a decision of the Executive has been called in to be considered by a scrutiny committee, after a Cabinet decision has been made but ahead of its implementation, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution.

No decisions have been called in to date.

Working Groups

No use was made of working groups this year.

Recommendations made to and Responses received from Cabinet

Recommendations were made to Cabinet on the following Reports and Cabinet's response is highlighted:

Scrutiny meeting item	Cabinet Response	
Disabled Facilities Grant Funding – 24 August 2021 meeting – the Committee made a recommendation to Cabinet that Cabinet raise the issue with Staffordshire County Council through Staffordshire County Councillors	Cabinet agreed to raise the issue regarding Disabled Facilities Grant funding with Staffordshire County Council through County Councillors – 30 September 2021 Cabinet meeting	
Post Implementation Review – My Tamworth Portal – 1 February 2022 meeting – the Committee recommended to Cabinet that the Audit & Governance Committee be requested to look at the tendering process used by the Council with a particular regard to the scoring mechanism process and that it report back to Cabinet on its findings.	Cabinet agreed that the Audit & Governance Committee be requested to look at the tendering process used by the Council with a particular regard of the scoring mechanism process and that it report back to Cabinet or Corporate Scrutiny on its findings – 17 th February 2022	

Committee Terms of Reference

The Committee Terms of Reference are set out in Article 6 in the Constitution which can be accessed <u>here</u>.

The Primary Scope, the General Role and the Specific functions detailed there have been largely achieved through the Committee's work this year.

Members and Members Attendance

The following sets out the membership and attendance of members at the 6 Committee meetings during 2021/22. Please note that one member retired from the Committee during the year and one member was appointed to the Committee during

the year and their attendance is shown out of the number of meetings they were eligible to attend.

Member	Number of meetings attended	
Thomas Jay (Chair)		
Steve Pritchard (Vice-Chair)		
John Chesworth		
Andrew Cooper		
Ricard Ford		
Simon Goodall		
John Harper (member to 28.02.22)		
Jason Jones (Member from 28.02.22)		
Simon Peaple		
Roy Rogers		

Training and Effectiveness

The Committee members received details on training modules on Scrutiny and Events offered by the Local Government Association.

MembersZone contains links to external training courses available. MembersZone also provides details of the in-house induction and training events run and organised by council officers throughout the year which include overviews from each Executive Director of their directorates and key projects.

No specific in-house scrutiny training was delivered this year as an all Councillor scrutiny training event had been delivered in November 2020.

Work Plan - Items identified for next municipal year

The existing Committee Work Plan is as available at Appendix 1.

Resource Implications

None to note.

Report Author

Councillor T Jay

Chair of the Corporate Scrutiny Committee

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Committee's Work Plan

Appendix 1 – Committee's Work Plan Corporate Scrutiny Work Plan





Agenda Item 9

Corporate Scrutiny Work Plan

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