

REPORT TO:	Overview and Scrutiny Commission
DATE:	10 May
SERVICE AREA:	Legal and Governance
REPORTING OFFICER:	Scrutiny, Governance and Risk Manager <i>Mark Codman</i>
SUBJECT:	Scrutiny Update and Scrutiny of Health Representative 2021/22
WARDS AFFECTED:	ALL DISTRICT
FORWARD PLAN REF:	N/A

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the Commission on previous work identified prior to the COVID-19 pandemic and an overview of meetings in 2021/22. It is useful to provide this information before the Commission considers and agrees its focus for the 2021/22 year at its meeting on 7 June.
- 1.2 This report also provides the opportunity to confirm Harrogate Borough Council's representative on the North Yorkshire Scrutiny of Health Committee.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 (1) It is recommended that the Commission notes the draft schedule of meetings and previous work identified (listed at paragraph 3.5 and 3.6).
- (2) It is recommended that the Commission confirms Harrogate Borough Council's representative on the North Yorkshire Scrutiny of Health Committee.

3.0 THE REPORT

Work in 2020/21

- 3.1 On 6 July 2020 it was agreed the then current work programme would be put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It was agreed that the focus for the year would be the Council's response and recovery from Covid-19.
- 3.2 This did not mean that new items of work could not be considered, only that they would be considered against the agreed focus or undertaken if the Commission agreed that they were a priority.

3.3 The work of the Commission regarding the Council's response and recovery from Covid-19 has been undertaken over the past year at several meetings concentrating on three separate strands:

- **Financial** – 6 July 2020, 28 August 2020, 7 December 2020, 1 February 2021 (*update was integrated with regular performance meeting*)
- **Community** – 6 July 2020, 28 September 2020, 7 December 2020 and 10 May 2021
- **Economic** – 6 July 2020, 3 August 2020, 7 December 2020 and 10 May 2021

3.4 Due to the unique nature of the issue the Commission agreed to progress the review of the UCI event. This work had commenced and was due to be undertaken by a task and finish group. Meetings took place throughout the year and updates on the progress of this review were provided at Commission meetings.

Work in 2021/22

3.5 The schedule of Commission meetings is detailed below with some provisional items of work that fulfil the responsibilities of the Commission:

Date	Meeting focus
10 May	- Covid-19 Response and Recovery - Economic and Community Update (agreed focus for Scrutiny in 2020/21) - Corporate Performance 2020/21 – year end – <i>Cabinet 26 May</i>
7 June	- Scrutiny Focus 2021/22 - Overview and Scrutiny Draft Annual Report 2019/20 and 2020/21
June/July TBC	Informal work planning/training
5 July	
16 Aug	Performance – Q1 – <i>Cabinet 18 Aug</i>
6 Sept	Medium Term Financial Strategy - <i>Cabinet 15 Sept</i> (document to be circulated six weeks prior to this date)
27 Sept	Crime and Disorder Meeting (North Yorkshire Police and HBC Community Safety Hub)
18 Oct	
8 Nov	Performance – Q2 – <i>Cabinet 10 Nov</i>
6 Dec	
10 Jan	Informal budget
17 Jan	Budget
31 Jan	Performance – Q3 – <i>Cabinet 2 Feb</i>
28 Feb	Crime and Disorder Meeting (North Yorkshire Police and HBC Community Safety Hub)
28 Mar	North Yorkshire Police Chief Constable (<i>Special Meeting</i>)
25 April	

Previous work identified

3.6 The following items of work were identified by the Commission for consideration in its work programme.

a) Task and Finish Groups

- UCI (ongoing and to be considered as part of the work programme for 2021/22)
- Local Bus Provision (to be considered as part of the work programme for 2021/22)
- Implementation of Statutory Guidance Recommendations (to be considered as part of the work programme for 2021/22)

b) Work items:

- Double Taxation
- Housing Delivery in the Nidderdale AONB
- Criteria for Referral to Planning Committee
- Commuted Sums/CIL
- Agency Workers

3.7 It is intended that the above are discussed at a prioritisation workshop to agree the Commissions work programme for 2021/22. This will consider all previously submitted items of work together with any additional work items, taking into account the agreed focus for the year. The focus is to be agreed by the Commission on the 7 June 2021.

North Yorkshire Scrutiny of Health Committee Representative

3.8 In North Yorkshire the county council has the lead responsibility for health scrutiny and it has established the Scrutiny of Health Committee. A representative from each council within North Yorkshire is included on this committee. Harrogate Borough Council's representative is a Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission. For 2019/20 and 2020/21 this has been Councillor Nigel Middlemass with Councillor Tom Watson as deputy. It is proposed that these nominations continue in 2021/22.

Scheduled meetings of the Scrutiny of Health Committee are below:

- Friday 18 June 2021
- Friday 10 September 2021

4.0 REQUIRED ASSESSMENTS AND IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The following were considered: Financial Implications; Human Resources Implications; Legal Implications; ICT Implications; Strategic Property/Asset Management Considerations; Risk Assessment; Equality and Diversity (the Public Sector Equality Duty and impact upon people with protected characteristics).

5.0 CONCLUSION

- 5.1 The purpose of the report is to provide an update to the Commission and to enable the Commission to confirm representation on the Scrutiny of Health Committee.

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