**Norwich City Council** 

SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Item No 5

REPORT for meeting to be held on 21 September 2017

## Work Programme for 2017-18

The purpose of this report is to provide an update to members Summary: on the items on the scrutiny work programme for the remainder of 2017-18 to support them in agreeing scopes for these. The work programme is appended to this report (appendix A). It **Conclusions:** is proposed that any discussion is a whole committee discussion based on this documentation, to assist members in providing a clear scope for the items on future agendas to facilitate robust scrutiny. **Recommendation:** To agree items and how these will be scoped and prepared for the remaining meetings of 2017-18. **Contact Officers:** Adam Clark, Strategy manager, 01603 212273 adamclark@norwich.gov.uk

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## Items for 2017-18

 The attached appendix A shows the work programme as it currently stands, with items that have been assigned to future meetings. Members are encouraged to discuss the scope for the following items so that officers can undertake appropriate background work:

**Health inequality in Norwich:** This is currently scheduled for 19 October 2017, members are invited to comment and establish what background information they require, and which officers they would like to attend for the item.

**Access to justice:** This is currently scheduled for 23 November 2017, members are invited to comment and establish what background information they require, and which officers they would like to attend for the item.

**The private rented sector:** This is currently scheduled for 22 February 2018, members are invited to comment and establish what background information they require, and which officers they would like to attend for the item.

**Review of the council's enforcement service:** This is currently scheduled for 22 March 2018, members are invited to comment and establish what background information they require, and which officers they would like to attend for the item.

 The 'Pre-scrutiny of the proposed budget item' which was due to go to the committee in December 2017, has been moved to the January 2018 meeting slot, alongside the 'MTFS and transformation programme' item, because these items all link and inform one another, so as to make best use of the committee's time.

DATE OF MEETING	TOPIC FOR SCRUTINY	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER, CABINET, PORTFOLIO HOLDER, COUNCILLOR,	SCOPE – REASON FOR TOPIC REQUEST and OUTCOME SOUGHT
13 July 2017	Setting of the work programme	Beth Clark (Scrutiny liaison officer), Cllr Wright	To assist committee members in setting the work programme for 2017/18
13 July 2017	Quarterly performance report	Adam Clark (Strategy manager)	To consider if there are any measures within report to consider for future analysis and how the committee would like to scrutinise corporate performance in the future
21 September 2017	Update from 20th July and 7th September meetings of the Norfolk Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Brociek-Coulton	For the committee to note the work of NHOSC and comment on any implications for Norwich residents for the rep to take back to the next NHOSC meeting.
21 September 2017	Pre-scrutiny of the proposed budget consultation	Nikki Rotsos (Director of communications and culture)	To look at the proposed approach to engaging residents and other stakeholders in the development of the council's vision and strategy for 2019-2022 as well as the 2018-19 budget and transformation programme.
21 September 2017	The cooperative agenda in local government	Cllr Herries	To agree areas for further review and to consider identifying a suitable time for an all members briefing/workshop about co- operatives.

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19 October 2017	Update from 26th October meeting of the Norfolk Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Brociek-Coulton	For the committee to note the work of NHOSC and comment on any implications for Norwich residents for the rep to take back to the next NHOSC meeting.
19 October 2017	Health inequality in Norwich	Adam Clark (Strategy manager)	Review of health inequality in Norwich and the role of the city council
23 November 2017	Access to justice	Cllr Thomas	The impact of legal aid cuts, changes to tribunal fees, debt, impact of cuts to probation/prisons/courts. The city council commissions advice services which provide elements of legal advice and how these work in Norwich
14 December 2017	Update from 7 <sup>th</sup> December meeting of the Norfolk Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Brociek-Coulton	For the committee to note the work of NHOSC and comment on any implications for Norwich residents for the rep to take back to the next NHOSC meeting.
14 December 2017	Corporate plan and performance framework	Adam Clark (Strategy manager)	To consider amendments to corporate performance KPIs

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14 December 2017	Equality information report	Adam Clark (Strategy manager)	Pre scrutiny of the report before it goes to cabinet.
14 December 2017	Scope: Review/outcome of parks and play areas item	Adrian Akester (Head of citywide services)	To be agreed
25 January 2018	Update from 11th January meeting of the Norfolk Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Brociek-Coulton	For the committee to note the work of NHOSC and comment on any implications for Norwich residents for the rep to take back to the next NHOSC meeting.
25 January 2018	Scrutiny of the proposed budget, MTFS, and transformation programme	Helen Chamberlin (Head of strategy and transformation), Karen Watling (Chief finance officer)	To be agreed
25 January 2018	Environmental strategy (yearly update)	Richard Willson (Environmental strategy manager)	Identification of any issues to consider and note successes and progress reported in the progress statement.

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22 February 2018	Update from 22 <sup>nd</sup> February meeting of the Norfolk Health and Overview Scrutiny Committee	Cllr Brociek-Coulton	For the committee to note the work of NHOSC and comment on any implications for Norwich residents for the rep to take back to the next NHOSC meeting.
22 February 2018	The private rented sector	Paul Swanborough	To be agreed
22 March 2018	Review of the council's enforcement service	Bob Cronk, Adrian Akester	To be agreed
22 March 2018	Annual review of the scrutiny committee	Beth Clark (Scrutiny liaison officer)	To agree the annual review of the scrutiny committee's work 2017 to 2018 and recommend it for adoption of the council



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6 April 2017	Food poverty in Norwich	Adam Clark, Cllr Maguire	Ask cabinet to consider;- (1) trying to access charitable trust funding to resource projects such as social supermarkets (2) developing a food poverty strategy to act as an umbrella document for existing actions (3) increasing awareness and availability of financial advice and early intervention (4) developing community led food literacy projects (5) increasing awareness of the Go4less cards which entitle residents to reduced allotment fees; and (6) linking older and socially isolated people with good food literacy skills with younger generations in need of such skills	A report is currently being worked up to be taken to cabinet.
22 June 2017	City accessibility	Bruce Bentley	Ask cabinet to formulate a city access charter and to extend consultations on such a charter to groups representing all disabilities including those with hidden disabilities	This recommendation is on the forward agenda to go to cabinet.



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13 July 2017	Quarterly performance report	Adam Clark	Ask the financial inclusion manager for some anecdotal evidence around timely access to debt advice,	The advice services in the FI consortium report that waiting times are variable and depend on a complex range of factors, including how urgent a case is e.g. if there are court dates or statutory time limits then these will be prioritised. However, overall, capacity is stretched within the social welfare advice sector; one proxy for this is that only around 50% of calls to the CAB advice line are currently answered, although this is improving.
13 July 2017			Ask the strategy manager to investigate why the performance target for measure FAC5 was so high; and	Response from Environmental Strategy Manger is that the 2016/17 performance above target was due to additional funding being available in 2016/17. Cosy City is fully dependent on government grants and/or funding from 3rd sector organisations. We are unlikely to see the same level of external grants and funding this year so we should not amend the target.



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13 July 2017			Ask the head of neighbourhood services to circulate any commentary	With the Head of neighbourhood services
			captured around why residents felt unsafe.	
13 July 2017			SCL05 – exceed target by 6% - what is the anomalous reason for over performance? Otherwise, should the target be raised to 96%? The committee also required why didn't expect of 100% of businesses to	The Environmental Health Manager (Food & Safety) suggested that the target be raised to 94% to show how food businesses in Norwich compare to the National picture.
			expect of 100% of businesses to achieve safety compliance?	



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COUNCIL 26 SEPT 2017	Appointment of external auditors	To consider the appointment of external auditors	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling	Karen Watling	NO
CABINET OCT 11 2017	Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 5	To update Cabinet on the provisional financial position as at 31 August 2017, the forecast outturn for the year 2017-18 and the consequent forecast of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling	Karen Watling	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Municipal Bonds agency borrowing framework	To seek approval for the use of the Municipal Bonds Agency for future borrowing needs.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling Tina Stankley	Karen Watling	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Treasury management full year review 2016/17	To update members on the Treasury Management performance for the financial year to 31 March 2017.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling Tina Stankley	Karen Watling	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Carbon Footprint Report	To note the progress being made on the delivery of the councils Carbon Management Programme	Cllr Maquire Richard Willson	Dave Moorcroft	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Budget setting timetable 2018-19	To consider the arrangements and timetable for the budget setting timetable 2018-19	Nikki Rotsos Karen Watling	Karen Watling and Nikki Rotsos	NO

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CABINET 11 OCT 2017	New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Economic Strategy 2017-2026	To note/endorse New Anglia Local Enterprise Partnership Economic Strategy 2017-2026	Cllr Waters Dave Moorcroft Ellen Tilney		Dave Moorcroft	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Proposed variations to car parks fees and charges	To consider the proposed variations to car parks fees and charges	Cllr Stonard Andy Watt		Dave Moorcroft	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Revised tenancy conditions – <b>KEY</b> <b>DECISION</b>	To consider changes to tenancy conditions required the Housing and Planning Act 2016 and to agree to consult with tenants on the proposed changes.	Cllr Harris Grant Lockett		Bob Cronk	NO
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Housing related support in sheltered housing.	To agree changes to housing related support in sheltered housing following the decision of Norfolk CC to cease funding this service.	Cllr Harris Lee Robson		Bob Cronk	YES (Para 4)
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Norwich Airport Industrial Estate – <b>KEY DECISION</b>	To consider the strategy for the future development of the airport industrial estate	Cllr Stonard Andy Watt		Dave Moorcroft	YES (Para 3)
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Managing assets (non- housing) – <b>KEY</b> <b>DECISION</b>	To seek approval for proposals for the future of the council owned assets described in the report	Cllr Stonard Andy Watt		Dave Moorcroft	YES (Para 3)
CABINET 11 OCT 2017	Managing assets (housing land) – <b>KEY</b> DECISION	To seek approval for proposals for the future of the council owned assets described in the report	Cllr Harris Andy Watt		Bob Cronk	YES (Para 3)
CABINET	Revenue budget	To update Cabinet on the provisional	Cllr Kendrick		Karen	NO

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08 NOV 2017	monitoring 2017/18 period 6	financial position as at 30 September 2017, the forecast outturn for the year 2017-18 and the consequent forecast of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.	Karen Watling		Watling	
CABINET 08 NOV 2017	Capital budget monitoring 2017/18 quarter 2	To update Cabinet on the financial position of the capital programmes as at 30 September 2017.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
CABINET 08 NOV 2017	Municipal Bonds Agency borrowing framework	To seek approval for the use of the Municipal Bonds Agency for future borrowing needs.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
CABINET 08 NOV 2017	Treasury management full year review 2016/17	To consider the Treasury Management performance for the financial year to 31 March 2017.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
CABINET 08 NOV 2017	Bethel Hospital Repairs Notice	To consider the possible service of a Repairs Notice or Notices under Section 48 of the Listed Buildings Act 1990 specifying those works considered reasonably necessary for the proper preservation of the Bethel Hospital complex of buildings	Cllrs Stonard and Herries Graham Nelson		Dave Moorcroft	NO
CABINET 08 NOV 2017	Norwich Regeneration Ltd and Norwich and HCA Strategic Partnership - business plans 2017-18 - <b>KEY</b> <b>DECISION</b>	To consider the latest business plans of Norwich Regeneration Ltd and the Norwich and HCA Strategic Partnership.	Cllr Harris Gwyn Jones Andy Watt		Dave Moorcroft	NO

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CABINET 08 NOV 2017	Norwich Regeneration Ltd- Business plan 2017/8 – <b>KEY</b> <b>DECISION</b>	To consider the exempt appendices to the Norwich Regeneration Ltd- Business plan 2017/8 report.	Cllr Harris Gwyn Jones Andy Watt		Dave Moorcroft	YES (Para 3)
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COUNCIL 28 NOV 2017	Municipal Bonds Agency borrowing framework	To seek approval for the use of the Municipal Bonds Agency for future borrowing needs.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
COUNCIL 28 NOV 2017	Treasury management full year review 2016/17	To consider the Treasury Management performance for the financial year to 31 March 2017.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
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CABINET DEC 13 2017	Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 7	To update Cabinet on the provisional financial position as at 31 October 2017, the forecast outturn for the year 2017-18 and the consequent forecast of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
CABINET DEC 13 2017	Treasury management mid-year review 2017/18	To update members on the Treasury Management performance for the financial year to 30 September 2017.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
CABINET DEC 13 2017	Quarter 2 2017/18 quarterly performance report	To report progress against the delivery of the corporate plan priorities and key performance measures for quarter 2 of 2017/18	Councillor Waters Ben Foster		Adam Clark	NO
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CABINET JAN 18 2017	Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 8	To update Cabinet on the provisional financial position as at 30 November 2017, the forecast outturn for the year 2017-18 and the consequent forecast of	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO

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		the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.				
CABINET JAN 18 2017	Review of the corporate risk register and policy	To update members on the results of the key risks facing the council and the associated mitigating actions, recorded in the council's corporate risk register.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	NO
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CABINET FEB 07 2018	Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 9	To update Cabinet on the provisional financial position as at 31 December 2017, the forecast outturn for the year 2017-18 and the consequent forecast of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	
CABINET	Capital budget	To update Cabinet on the financial	Cllr Kendrick		Karen	
FEB 07 2018	monitoring 2017/18 guarter 3	position of the capital programmes as at 31 December 2017.	Karen Watling		Watling	
CABINET FEB 07 2018	General fund revenue budget 2018/19 and capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	
CABINET FEB 07 2018	General fund revenue budget 2018/19 and capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 (EXEMPT appendix)		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	
CABINET FEB 07	Housing rents and budgets 2018/19 and		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling	

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2018	housing capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23									
CABINET FEB 07 2018	Housing rents and budgets 2018/19 and housing capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 (EXEMPT appendix)		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
CABINET FEB 07 2018	Treasury management strategy 2018/19		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
COUNCIL 20/27 FEB 2018	General fund revenue budget 2018/19 and non-housing capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
COUNCIL 20/27 FEB 2018	General fund revenue budget 2018/19 and non-housing capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 (EXEMPT appendix)		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
COUNCIL 20/27 FEB 2018	Housing rents and budgets 2018/19 and housing capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					

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COUNCIL 20/27 FEB 2018	Housing rents and budgets 2018/19 and housing capital programme 2018/19 to 2022/23 (EXEMPT appendix)		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
COUNCIL 20/27 FEB 2018	Treasury management strategy 2018/19 (Corporate Plan update should also go if not taken earlier)		Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
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CABINET MARCH 14 2018	Revenue budget monitoring 2017/18 period 10	To update Cabinet on the provisional financial position as at 31 January 2018, the forecast outturn for the year 2017-18 and the consequent forecast of the General Fund and Housing Revenue Account balances.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
CABINET MARCH 14 2018	Proposed right off of bad debt (KEY DECISION)	The proposed write of debt deemed to be non recoverable.	Cllr Kendrick Karen Watling		Karen Watling					
CABINET MARCH 14 2018	Quarter 3 2017/18 quarterly performance report	To report progress against the delivery of the corporate plan priorities and key performance measures for quarter 3 of 2017/18	Councillor Waters Ben Foster		Adam Clark	NO				