

Committee: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 26 September 2019

Subject:	Cabinet Decision Making
Lead Officer:	Head of Organisational Development [Organisational Development Officer]
Portfolio Holder:	Leader of the Council – Councillor Stuart Selleck
Link to Council Priorities:	All
Exempt information:	None
Delegated status:	For resolution

Executive Summary:

The Committee is asked to give consideration to the Cabinet Forward Plan and identify any relevant matters for possible inclusion in the Work Programme of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in 2019/20.

The Forward Plan covers the period 1 October 2019 - 31 January 2020, and contains matters which the Leader of the Council, Councillor Stuart Selleck, has reason to believe will be the subject of consideration by Cabinet or an Individual Cabinet Member during the period identified (a minimum of 4 months).

Recommendation:

That the Committee

- 1. Note the Cabinet Forward Plan and identify any relevant matters for inclusion in the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2019/20; and**
- 2. Note the decisions taken by Cabinet at its meeting on 18 September 2019.**

Report:

1. The terms of reference of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee as set out in the Council's Constitution includes the following:
 - i) Review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any of the Council's functions;
 - ii) Make reports and/or recommendations to the full Council and/or the Cabinet or any joint committee in connection with the discharge of any functions;
 - iii) Consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants; and
 - iv) Exercise the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet and/or joint committees.
2. In undertaking this general role, it is advisable that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee give consideration to the Forward Plan published by Cabinet.
3. The Council's Constitution allows the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to identify items from the Cabinet's Forward Plan and request that a report be presented to a future Committee meeting.
4. The Forward Plan contains a list of all the 'Key Decisions' that Cabinet intends to take in the next four-month period.

5. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to indicate if there are any issues on the Forward Plan that Members wish to include on the Committee's Work Programme in 2019/20. **A copy of the Forward Plan is attached at Appendix A.**

Financial implications:

In setting and implementing its work programme, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee should have regard to the Council's available resources and the need to deploy them in the most efficient and cost-effective way.

Environmental/Sustainability Implications:

None for the purpose of this report.

Legal implications:

The procedures governing the operation of overview and scrutiny are set out in the Council's Constitution and Overview and Scrutiny Protocols, which have been constituted in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent amendments to that Act.

Equality implications:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to consider any matters that affect the Council, its area or the inhabitants of that area, including equalities issues. In discussing issues, evaluating evidence and making recommendations, the Committee should take into account the equalities impact.

Risk Implications:

There is a risk to the Council if overview and scrutiny is not carried out in accordance with the Council's Constitution, Protocols and relevant legislation.

Community Safety implications:

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has the ability to consider any matter that affects the Council, its area or the inhabitants of that area including community safety issues. This Committee is the Council's designated crime and disorder committee with the power to review or scrutinise the decisions made or other action taken by the Elmbridge Community Safety Partnership.

Principal Consultees:

None for the purpose of this report.

Background papers:

None for the purpose of this report.

Enclosures/Appendices:

Appendix A – Cabinet Forward Plan (1 October 2019 - 31 January 2020)

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