



Communities Overview Committee	<u>Item</u>
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Communities Overview Committee Work Programme 2021-2022

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1.0 Summary

- 1.1 This paper presents the Communities Overview Committee's proposed work programme for the 2021-2022 municipal year. During the course of its work programme, the committee will also
- Scrutinise emerging thematic priorities
 - respond to emerging issues and
 - follow up on previous work.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 Committee members to:
- agree the proposed committee work programme attached as **appendix 1**.
 - suggest changes to the committee work programme and
 - recommend other topics to consider

List of background papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)
None
Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)
All
Local Member
All
Appendices
Overview and scrutiny work programme

Appendix 1
Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2021 to 2022

Topic	Objectives	Participants	Information required	Date
Public Rights of Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To provide a further update on work to maximise access to public rights of way, to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Capital works funding Income retainment 	Portfolio Holder, Communities, Place, Tourism and Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Verbal update from portfolio holder. 	21 July 2021
Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To seek assurance that Shropshire Council supports serving and former armed forces personnel through its armed forces covenant. 	Portfolio Holder, Climate Change, Natural Assets & Green Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Armed Forces Covenant Armed Forces Covenant action plan Armed Forces Needs Assessment 	21 July 2021
BRIEF <i>Community and Public Transport</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of current and proposed changes to community and public transport service commissioning and funding. 	Head of Transport		13 Sep 2021
Domestic Abuse services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To scrutinise services in Shropshire to support victims of domestic abuse. To ensure current funding and infrastructure meets the needs of people in Shropshire. 	Connexus Head of Housing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Domestic Abuse contract and funding arrangements Service specification Service use rates 	25 Oct 2021
Bus Back Better	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To scrutinise proposals for new rural bus services in Shropshire, 	Portfolio Holder, Communities,		25 Oct 2021

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	funded through the Bus Back Better government funding.	Place, Tourism and Transport		
Briefing <i>Flood risk management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of how Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency and other partners respond to both groundwater and river flooding. 	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Findings from review of response to 2018/19 flooding. 	9 Nov 2021
Flooding – community support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Receive an update on work to embed lesson learned from 2018/19 and 2019/2020 flooding 	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 scrutiny committee report and recommendations 	24 Nov 2021
Working with town and parish councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand how Shropshire Council works with town and parish councils to deliver local authority services. Identify and recommend new ways of working with town and parish councils 	Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBA 	26 Jan 2022
Briefing <i>Social housing in Shropshire</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> An overview of social housing in Shropshire 	Head of Housing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 	March 2022

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STAR housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutinise arrangements to renew Arms-Length Management Organisation contract with STAR Housing 	Executive Director, Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contract arrangements • Benchmarking with other local authorities 	23 Mar 2022
Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An update on work to review the Covenant action plan. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated covenant action plan. 	July 2022