



Place Overview Committee	<u>Item 8</u>
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Place Overview Committee Work Programme

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1.0 Summary

1.1 This paper presents the Place Overview Committee's proposed work programme for the 2021-2022 municipal year.

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.

3.0 Next steps

3.1 Officers will present a refreshed work programme at each committee meeting. In addition the committee will meet informally between committee meetings to discuss which topics they wish to scrutinise at future meetings.

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 for municipal year 2021-2022

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Topic	Objectives	Participants	Information required	Date
Roadworks diversions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Scrutinise current practice for implementing diversions for roadworks.• Make recommendations to strengthen existing arrangements.	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• National guidance	4 August 2021
Post Covid-19 economic renewal	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Understand Shropshire Council's strategy for economic renewal following the pandemic	Assistant Director Economy and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Business start-up and closure rates• Employment and average wage rates• Retail centre occupancy rates	17 Sep 2021
Roadworks Diversions working group terms of reference	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agree terms of reference for agreed working group.	Overview and Scrutiny Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Draft terms of reference	17 Sep 2021

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BRIEFING <i>Planning enforcement</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overview of changes to the planning enforcement team. 	Assistant Director for Economy and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of alleged planning breaches reported to Shropshire Council. Time taken to investigate reported breaches. Percentage of reported breaches investigated by Shropshire Council. 	21 Oct 2021
Planning enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scrutinise impact of changes to planning enforcement team. 	Assistant Director for Economy and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of alleged planning breaches reported to Shropshire Council. Time taken to investigate reported breaches. Percentage of reported breaches investigated by Shropshire Council. 	25 Oct 2021

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Planning Committee Structures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review the outcome of Shropshire Council's decision to reduce from three to two planning committees Scrutinise the impact of delegations 	Assistant Director for Economy and Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Interviews with committee chairs Number of decisions made by existing committees, compared with previous committees Focus groups/questionnaires with elected members, town and parish councils Delegation processes Appeals made, split by delegation outcome 	25 Oct 2021
Winter maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Understand progress in reviewing the winter maintenance policy Ensure council responds to recommendations of task and finish group's report. 	Head of Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Winter service protocol Task and finish group report Service review reports 	11 Nov 2021
Footpath and cyclepath maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Examine current maintenance regimes for clearing and maintaining footpaths and cycle paths, 	Head of Highways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expenditure on footpath and cycle path maintenance. Planned schedules of maintenance and cleansing. 	11 Nov 2021

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LTP 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutinise findings of thematic consultation on emerging themes underpinning the draft local transport plan. • Ensure the plan's priorities align with and support other council corporate priorities. • Understand how the plan addresses competing and complementary priorities within the plan. • Examine plan priorities and capital investment underpinning the plan. 	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft local transport plan • Findings from thematic workshops • Regional transport strategies 	11 Nov 2021
BRIEFING Shrewsbury Big Town Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 	Dec 2022
Communicating highways works and repairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Understand how the council communicates disruptions to the highway. • Make recommendations on future development of communications. 	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft local transport plan • Findings from thematic workshops • Regional transport strategies 	27 Jan 2022

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Further update on signs, banners and barriers task and finish group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive an update on implementing recommendations from the task and finish group, to cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fees for housing development signage ○ Policies for banners, bunting and Christmas decorations. 	Director of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Task and finish group report • Verbal update from officers 	27 Jan 2022
Roadworks Diversions working group final report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report from working group. 	Overview and Scrutiny Officer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final report 	27 Jan 2022
Highways capital programme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the council's capital programme for highways and transport for the period 2021-2025. • Ensure Shropshire Council has the staffing and infrastructure in place to plan and deliver programmes of work made possible by increased capital funding. • Ensure adequate funding is allocated to programme investments within LTP4. 	Executive Director of Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial strategy 2021-2025 • Capital investment plan 	27 Jan 2022
WSP contracting arrangements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			TBC February 2021

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Market town renewal schemes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutinise progress in drafting and implementing renewal schemes 	Assistant Director Economy and Place		24 Mar 2022
Active Travel Strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutinise draft active travel strategy • Examine capital funding underpinning strategy • Explore how the strategy will meet the objective of the draft local transport plan 	Head of Environment and Transport		24 Mar 2022
WSP/Kier annual performance monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 			June 2022

Other topics for further consideration for inclusion:

- Decarbonising housing – progress and update
- 20mph limits in schools and colleges
- Biodiversity – early 2022
- Waste and recycling
- LED street lighting programme