



<b>Communities Overview Committee</b>	<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

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

**Appendix 1**  
**Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2021 to 2022**

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

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	funded through the Bus Back Better government funding.	Place, Tourism and Transport		
<b>Briefing</b> <i>Flood risk management</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Overview of how Shropshire Council, the Environment Agency and other partners respond to both groundwater and river flooding.</li> </ul>	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Findings from review of response to 2018/19 flooding.</li> </ul>	15 Nov 2021
Flooding – community support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Receive an update on work to embed lesson learned from 2018/19 and 2019/2020 flooding</li> </ul>	Assistant Director, Infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2020 scrutiny committee report and recommendations</li> </ul>	24 Nov 2021
Work programme review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review the work of the committee to date.</li> <li>Identify priority topics for the committee.</li> <li>Identify data and information required to support scrutiny of priority topics.</li> </ul>	Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Committee remit</li> <li>Committee recommendations from 2020-2021</li> </ul>	24 Nov 2021
Domestic Abuse strategy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scrutinise draft domestic abuse strategy.</li> </ul>	Head of Housing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Draft strategy</li> <li>Recommendations from committee from September 2021 meeting.</li> </ul>	26 Jan 2022

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Working with town and parish councils	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how Shropshire Council works with town and parish councils to deliver local authority services.</li> <li>• Identify and recommend new ways of working with town and parish councils</li> </ul>	Portfolio Holder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Terms of reference for the committee.</li> </ul>	26 Jan 2022
<b>Briefing</b> <i>Social housing in Shropshire</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An overview of social housing in Shropshire</li> </ul>	Head of Housing Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	March 2022
STAR housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scrutinise arrangements to renew Arms-Length Management Organisation contract with STAR Housing</li> </ul>	Executive Director, Place	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Contract arrangements</li> <li>• Benchmarking with other local authorities</li> </ul>	23 Mar 2022
Armed Forces Covenant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An update on work to review the Covenant action plan.</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated covenant action plan.</li> </ul>	July 2022