

TRANSFORMATION AND IMPROVEMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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Public Questions

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Can you explain the revelation, buried in the committee's first publication of its intended High-Level Work Programme (agenda item 10), that "Use of consultants" is relegated to being only a longer-term priority for scrutiny? Leader Heather Kidd prioritised "stopping using expensive consultants" in the "New Leader's Mission for Change" Newsroom story of 22 May. A declared Administration immediate priority in May: now being quietly kicked into the long grass?