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Agenda Item 5

Workplan 2020

Falkirk Council

Title: Workplan 2020
Meeting: Scrutiny Committee (External)
Date: 16 January 2020
Submitted By: Director of Corporate and Housing Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present a draft workplan for the Scrutiny Committee (External) for 2020.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee (External) agrees its workplan for 2020.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Scrutiny Committee (External) performs an important role in considering:-
- (1) any report in accordance with the Following the Public Pound (FTPP) framework;
 - (2) reports on performance by the Falkirk Community Trust (FCT);
 - (3) any performance reports in respect of the Local Police Plan or the Local Fire and Rescue Plan;
 - (4) reports on performance by the Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP); and
 - (5) any other matter referred to the committee for consideration by Council or the Executive.
- 3.2 Previous advice to Council from the external auditor in regard to the Audit Committee recommended that it should establish an annual workplan, on the basis that it would assist with the committee's effectiveness.
- 3.3 For both the Scrutiny Committee and Scrutiny Committee (External) the volume of business before each committee has fluctuated from meeting to meeting. This fluctuation has impacted on the ability of the committees to scrutinise effectively. Introducing annual workplans for both Scrutiny committees will pace the volume of business presented

at each meeting and better allow the committees to carry out their roles effectively.

4. Annual Workplan 2020

4.1 A draft workplan is set out below:-

Meeting	Business	Author
16 January	FTPP: Public Protection	Director of Corporate & Housing
12 March	FTPP: Poverty & Equality	Director of Corporate & Housing
21 May	FTPP: Falkirk Towns Ltd FTPP: Falkirk Environment Trust	Director of Corporate & Housing
20 August	HSCP Scottish Fire and Rescue Service FTPP: Community Development	Chief Officer Director of Corporate & Housing Director of Children's Services
8 October	Police Scotland FCT FTPP: Services to Children & Young People	Director of Corporate & Housing Director of Corporate & Housing Director of Children's Services

4.2 The workplan for 2020 largely reflects the business presented in 2019. It is now proposed, however, that the committee will receive performance reports from Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the HSCP and FCT on an annual basis rather than six month updates. These reports will contain full year information on

performance aligned to local plans (for the police and fire) and the HSCP and FCT's respective business cases.

- 4.3 The workplan is indicative and does not preclude other items of business from being submitted to the committee; for example, the committee can request and/or receive reports from officers on key areas the committee's remit.

5. Consultation

Police Scotland, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, the HSCP and FCT have been consulted on the proposals and are satisfied, subject to the committee's agreement, with reporting annually.

6. Implications

Financial

- 6.1 There are no financial implications.

Resources

- 6.2 There are no resource implications.

Legal

- 6.3 There are no legal implications.

Risk

- 6.4 There is no risk associated with the report. The introduction of a workplan will assist the committee to undertake its role more effectively.

Equalities

- 6.5 An equality and poverty impact assessment was not required.

Sustainability / Environmental Impact

- 6.6 A sustainability / environmental assessment was not required.

7. Conclusions

- 7.1 Adoption of the workplan will support the Scrutiny Committee (External) in undertaking its duties and assist the committee to improve its effectiveness.

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Appendices

None.

List of Background Papers:

No papers were relied on in the preparation of this report in terms of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.