

SCRUTINY IDENTIFICATION AND ASSESSMENT OF TOPICS 2022-23

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The objective of the report is to provide the Audit and Scrutiny Committee (the Committee) with a summary of potential areas/topics identified by Members over the summer and consider these in the context of the Scrutiny Manual and Framework in order to take forward as part of the Committee's scrutiny role for 2022-23.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The Audit and Scrutiny Committee is asked to:
- 2.1.2 Consider the suggested topics identified in accordance with the agreed process of assessment which is detailed in the Scrutiny Framework and Manual.
- 2.1.3 Approve the one topic(s)/~~area(s)~~ identified which would provide maximum benefit across the authority by adding value and supporting continuous improvement, specifically, Public Consultations. Consider as the financial year progresses whether another area be identified for scrutiny. In addition, obtain a further update in 2023/24 in relation to Waste Management to ascer7(o)-6(n)!

held to establish the process to be adopted by the Committee to identify and prioritise potential scrutiny topics and of the overall approach adopted to scrutiny topics which has been a combination of panel reviews and 'scrutiny lite' where relevant officers have been asked to present at Committee or at Development Sessions on topics of interest to the Committee.

3.6 In particular the CIA asked the Committee to consider some key questions. These, and the Committee responses, are summarised in the table below.

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Question	Committee Response
Should Scrutiny topics originate from all members and senior officers or from Committee members?	There needs to be a degree of flexibility to change topics and to be able to react quickly to an ever changing environment. It is for the Committee to determine scrutiny topics.
If topics originate from the committee should this be via discussions at Committee or development sessions?	We may need to meet as a Committee more often however these could be less formal meetings and held virtually. Further thought can be given to this as to some extent it will depend on the number of emerging topics to be considered for scrutiny.
Do we still need an annual scrutiny plan or should topics for scrutiny 'emerge' as the year goes by?	We don't need a plan we should allow items to emerge.
Do we still need the detailed prioritisation process?	The prioritisation process is there as a tool if we need it but we don't need to

- 5.3 Legal -None
- 5.4 HR - None
- 5.5 Fairer Scotland Duty - None
- 5.5.1 Equalities – None
- 5.5.2 Socio-Economic Duty – None
- 5.5.3 Islands Duty - None
- 5.6 Risk – None
- 5.7 Customer Service - None

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