



## **TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

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| <b>REPORT TITLE:</b> | <b>TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND LEISURE<br/>WORK PROGRAMME</b>     |
| <b>REPORT OF:</b>    | <b>CHAIR OF TOURISM, COMMUNITIES, CULTURE AND<br/>LEISURE COMMITTEE</b> |

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee, in conjunction with the other Policy and Service Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual committee work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the key decisions which are within the remit of the Committee.

It is envisaged that the work programme will be formed from a combination of key decisions, standing items and requested officer reports. This report provides the Committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year. The work programme for the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee is attached as Appendix 1 to this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION/S**

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee is recommended to note and comment on the proposed Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee work programme.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

- 1.1 To ensure Members of the Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

### **2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 2.1 A number of workplan formats were explored, with the current framework open to amendment to match the requirements of the Committee.

### **3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The work programme should align with the priorities of the Council and its partners. The programme will be informed by:

- The Council Plan
- The Council's transformation programme
- The Council's Forward Plan
- Service performance information
- Risk management information
- Public or service user feedback
- Referrals from Council

#### **3.1 Terms of reference**

The Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee has responsibility for customer contact, community development and community services, including all of those functions related to community safety and also those regarding the promotion of community engagement. The Committee is charged by full Council to undertake responsibility for the Council's role and functions:-

- a. for customer and community contact services, including various offices and meeting points, customer contact centres and advice and transaction services
- b. community engagement, incorporating the Council's approach to equalities, inclusion communities, neighbourhoods and the voluntary and charitable sector, community wealth building and social value;
- c. in considering options and develop proposals for neighbourhood arrangements, including capacity building, use of assets and devolving powers and services to neighbourhoods;
- d. for the provision and management of leisure, sports and recreation facilities;

- e. for delivery of the authority's library and museums services, including but not limited to art galleries, historic buildings and their gardens and the functions of the Council regarding public records, and the Council's
- f. concerning tourism, the arts, culture and heritage, including provision of theatre, entertainments, conferences and events;
- g. in relation to bereavement services and support to the Coroner's service;
- h. regarding community safety, crime and disorder and all associated matters;
- i. for trading standards and environmental health, including but not limited to:
  - consumer protection;
  - product safety;
  - fair trading;
  - metrology;
  - food standards and animal health;
  - air pollution control;
  - health and safety at work (except in so far as it relates to the Council as an employer);
  - public conveniences
  - food safety; and
  - control of nuisances;
- j. in respect of emergency planning and community resilience (community, regulatory and asset services);
- k. providing a view of performance, budget monitoring and risk management in relation to the Committee's functions; and
- l. undertaking the development and implementation of policy in relation to the Committee's functions, incorporating the assessment of outcomes, review of effectiveness and formulation of recommendations to the Council, partners and other bodies, which shall include any decision relating to the above functions.
- m. in respect of the Police and Justice Act 2006, the functions to:

- review or scrutinise decisions made or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions; and
- make reports or recommendations to the local authority with respect to the discharge of those functions

### **Overview and Scrutiny**

The Committee's role includes an overview scrutiny approach to its responsibilities which shall be conducted in accordance with the overview and scrutiny means of working set out at Part 4(4)(B) of this Constitution. As part of its work programming the Committee shall consider:

- a. Overview and Policy Development -The Committee may undertake enquiries and investigate the available options for future direction in policy development and may appoint advisors and assessors to assist them in this process. They may go on site visits, conduct public surveys, hold public meetings, commission research and do all other things that they reasonably consider necessary to inform their deliberations.
  
- b. Overview and Scrutiny – The Committee holds responsibility:
  - for scrutinising and reviewing decisions made or actions taken by the Authority in so far as they have an impact on the role or functions of the Committee, its policies, budget and service delivery;
  - for the overview and scrutiny of external organisations whose services or activities affect the Borough of Wirral or any of its inhabitants where this does not fall within the role or remit of another service Committee or where it relates to cross cutting issues; and
  - for those overview and scrutiny functions in respect of crime and disorder as set out in paragraph 6.4(m) above which are to include the establishment and
  - functioning of joint arrangements as set out at paragraph 15 of this Section
  
- c. Stakeholder Engagement - The Committee may invite stakeholders to address the committee on issues of local concern and/or answer questions in so far as it impacts directly or indirectly on the role of functions of the committee.

## **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 This report is for information and planning purposes only, therefore there are no direct financial implication arising. However, there may be financial implications arising as a result of work programme items.

## **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report. However, there may be legal implications arising as a result of work programme items.

## **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

6.1 There are no direct implications to Staffing, ICT or Assets.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 The Committee's ability to undertake its responsibility to provide strategic direction to the operation of the Council, make decisions on policies, co-ordinate spend, and maintain a strategic overview of outcomes, performance, risk management and budgets may be compromised if it does not have the opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Not applicable.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 Wirral Council has a legal requirement to make sure its policies, and the way it carries out its work, do not discriminate against anyone. An Equality Impact Assessment is a tool to help council services identify steps they can take to ensure equality for anyone who might be affected by a particular policy, decision or activity.

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct environment and climate implications.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 This report is for information to Members and there are no direct community wealth implications.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix 1: Tourism, Communities, Culture and Leisure Committee Work Programme

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Wirral Council Constitution

Forward Plan

The Council's transformation programme

### **SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

| <b>Council Meeting</b> | <b>Date</b> |
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| Standing item.         |             |