APPENDIX 7 - Scrutiny Work Programme 2016 / 2017 PROPOSALS FOR NEW WORK

Scrutiny Programme Committee

(formal committee chaired by Cllr Mary Jones)

- Developing, managing and monitoring Scrutiny Work Programme
- Cabinet Member Questions Sessions
- Discussing broad range of policy and service issues
- Coordinating pre-decision scrutiny

Inquiry Panels:

(time-limited in-depth inquiries)

Choose 2 from:

- **Partnerships / Collaboration** (How are we currently working with others? How effective is it? How could the Council's collaboration with other authorities/ partners be further developed & improved? Are we learning from examples elsewhere?
- **Preparedness for School** (How can support for 0-3 year olds be improved so that they arrive at school ready to learn? Are we getting this right e.g. effectiveness of Flying Start etc)

Carried over from 2015/16 work programme:

- Sustainability (Food Security)
- Transition from Children to Adult Social Care (or Working Group instead?)

Others:

- Community Cohesion (How are we working with communities to ensure they are cohesive? e.g. multicultural inclusion; tackling poverty; tacking extremism)
- Financial Inclusion (e.g. responsible fair credit)
- Role of the Council in Job Creation

Performance Panels:

(on-going in-depth monitoring)

Issues to be referred to Performance Panels:

- Schools:
  - Home to School Transport
  - Effectiveness of Intervention Programmes
  - Value for money from Education Service Level Agreements
- Service Improvement & Finance:
  - Estates / Asset Management
  - Corporate Complaints Process
  - Programme / Project Management
- Adult Social Services:
  - Application of Deprivation of Liberty Safeguards (DOLS)
  - How we consult with vulnerable people and take into account their views about delivery of services

Working Groups:

(one-off meetings)

Choose 5 from:

- **Roads / Highway Maintenance*** (Incl. impact of budget cuts; gritting service)
- **Corporate Building Services*** (Does it offer value for money? Issue re. competitiveness / costs for councillor ward requests)
- **Digital Inclusion** (Many council services will be digital in future but is the quality of services being preserved? How can we ensure that people are not being excluded from services once they become digital? What is the Council's strategy to ensure that all can access and are not excluded from services)
- **Housing** (Delivery of More Homes Strategy / pilot project to develop new council housing)
- **City Centre** (What does a 'vibrant & viable' city centre economy mean – does it involve a whole systems approach, e.g. what are we doing about housing, transport, health & wellbeing, as well as retail and leisure?)
- **Preparedness for Well-being of Future Generations Act** (Implications; How is it being embedded and actions evaluated?)

Others:

- **Dog Fouling**
- Planning Services (incl. s106 agreements)
- Residents Parking Policy
- Allotments & Community Gardens

* CARRIED OVER from 2015/16 Work Programme
Topics in bold indicate wider support at Conference

Issue to be dealt with by Scrutiny Programme Committee: **Safeguarding** – corporate safeguarding; how are organisations working together and recognising their role in safeguarding?