

<b>Title of Report:</b>	<b>Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 13 June 2019</b>	
<b>Report No:</b>	<b>CAB/WS/19/004</b>	
<b>Report to and date:</b>	<b>Cabinet</b>	25 June 2019
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<b>Purpose of report:</b>	On 13 June 2019, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:  (1) Community Safety Monitoring Report; (2) Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2018-2019); (3) Decisions Plan (1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020); (4) Appointments to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee (2019-2020); (5) Developing an Effective Scrutiny Work Programme	
<b>Recommendation:</b>	<b>It is <u>RECOMMENDED</u> that Report No: CAB/WS/19/004, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, be noted.</b>	
<b>Key Decision:</b>	No, it is not a Key Decision - <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Report for information only.	
<b>Consultation:</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See reports listed in Section 2 below.</li> </ul>	

<b>Alternative option(s):</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>See reports listed in Section 2 below.</li> </ul>
<b>Implications:</b>	
Are there any <b>financial</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
Are there any <b>staffing</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
Are there any <b>ICT</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
Are there any <b>legal and/or policy</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
Are there any <b>equality</b> implications? <i>If yes, please give details</i>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Please see background papers.
<b>Risk/opportunity assessment:</b>	Please see background papers.
<b>Ward(s) affected:</b>	All Wards
<b>Background papers:</b>	Please see background papers, which are listed at the end of the report.
<b>Documents attached:</b>	None

## **1. Key issues and reasons for recommendation**

### **1.1 Community Safety Monitoring Report (Report No: OAS/WS/19/001)**

- 1.1.1 It was the duty of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, as the Council's Crime and Disorder Committee designated under the Police and Justice Act 2006, to scrutinise the work of the Partnership.
- 1.1.2 The Committee received and **noted**, subject to comments made during the meeting on the community safety monitoring report, including the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP), which was presented to the Committee by the Chair of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership, Councillor Joanna Spicer, and Councillor Robert Everitt, Cabinet Member for Families and Communities.
- 1.1.3 Over the past year the WSCSP continued to meet and discharge its statutory duties by carrying out an annual assessment of crime and disorder in the area, continuing to deliver the three year plan and action plan to reflect the priorities of the partnership, and carrying out Domestic Homicide Reviews.
- 1.1.4 Attached at Appendix A to the report, was the WSCSP Plan 2019-2022, which was required to reflect the Suffolk Police and Crime Plan published by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- 1.1.5 In May 2018, the WSCSP considered its priorities for 2018-2019. Based on the outcomes of partnership discussions and a strategic assessment of crime, the following priorities were identified as the focus of the WSCSP:
- County Lines;
  - Violence against women and girls (including men and boys);
  - Domestic homicide reviews;
  - Hate crime; and
  - Prevent
- 1.1.5 Detailed discussions were predominantly held on County Lines. In particular, whether training and awareness could be rolled out to community groups, e.g. St Johns Ambulance; how it linked to other crimes; the phase County Lines, whether residents understood what it meant, and encouraging the public and councillors to report any incidents they see via the 101 police non-emergency telephone number.
- 1.1.6 Discussions were also held on domestic abuse; modern day slavery; the reduction in police officers; the importance of creating safe environments to engage with young people and encouraging parents to become more involved; Police and Crime Commissioner funding; team chill; anti-social behaviour and the importance of evaluation and how the WSCSP could benchmark progress.

1.2 **Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2018-2019) (Report No: OAS/WS/19/002)**

1.2.1 The Leader of the Council attended the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and presented the Annual Report, which outlined the Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2018-2019).

1.2.2 Members examined the document and asked a number of questions of the Leader, to which comprehensive responses were provided. Discussions were held on climate change; solar panels on social housing, the Anglia Revenues Partnership (ARP) and Universal Credit; strategic priorities moving forward; fly-tipping; parish conferences; locality budgets; crucial crew; working in partnership with SCC and town/parish councils; the role of registered social landlords and the review of planning policies for West Suffolk.

1.2.3 Comments and suggestions were made by the Committee on the draft Annual Report, such as some minor rewording relating to the ARP, which Officers agreed to incorporate into the final document, to be presented to Cabinet in July 2019.

1.3 **Decisions Plan (1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020) (Report No: OAS/WS/19/003)**

1.3.1 The Committee considered the latest version of the Decisions Plan, covering the period 1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020. Members reviewed the Decisions Plan and asked questions, to which responses were provided.

1.3.2 In particular the Committee asked for more information on the *Housing Delivery Plan: Update on First Phase*, which the Democratic Services Officer (Scrutiny) agreed to follow up with the lead officer to provide a written response.

1.3.3 There being no decision required, the Committee **noted** the contents of the Decisions Plan.

1.4 **Appointments to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee (2019-2020) (Report No: OAS/WS/19/004)**

1.1.4. The Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee was responsible for scrutinising wellbeing and health services across the county. The committee had 10 members in total, five county councillors and one co-opted representative from each of the District and Borough Councils in Suffolk.

1.4.2 An extract from the SCC's constitution, setting out the role of the Health Scrutiny Committee was attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

1.4.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee was therefore asked to nominate one full member and one substitute member to serve on the Suffolk County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee for 2019-2020.

- 1.4.4 The Committee **RECOMMENDS** that Council be asked to confirm at its meeting on 16 July 2019, the appointments of Councillor Margaret Marks as the representative and Councillor Paul Hopfensperger as the substitute representative to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee for 2019-2020.
- 1.5 **Developing an Effective Scrutiny Work Programme (Verbal Discussion)**
- 1.5.1 The Committee received a verbal discussion on developing an effective scrutiny rolling work programme. Members were informed that the work programme should have a good split of roles between the Cabinet and Scrutiny; that the work programme was deliverable and well resourced; was timely and relevant; holds the Cabinet and external bodies to account; monitors annual items; reviews and develops new policies and practices; reflects on council and community priorities, and has genuine scope to add value and form ideas.
- 1.5.2 The Committee was informed that Cabinet would be looking at car parking and it had been suggested that Overview and Scrutiny might like to be involved in the review. The Chair and Vice-Chair were very keen to do this, but wanted to discuss the scope with the Portfolio Holder for Operations. The Committee also welcomed the opportunity, but felt that car parking fitted into a bigger picture around the whole environmental review; specifically referencing, if you looked at parking you would also need to look at why people were not using buses, resident parking schemes etc.
- 1.5.3 The Chair informed the Committee that its meeting on Thursday 5 September 2019 had been rescheduled, and would now be held on Monday 2 September 2019, at West Suffolk House.

## **2. Background Papers**

- 2.1.1 Report No: [OAS/WS/19/001](#) and [Appendix A](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Community Safety Monitoring
- 2.1.2 Report No: [OAS/WS/19/002](#), [Appendix A](#), [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Draft West Suffolk Annual Report (2018-2019)
- 2.1.3 Report No: [OAS/WS/19/003](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Decisions Plan (1 June 2019 to 31 May 2020)
- 2.1.4 Report No: [OAS/WS/19/004](#) and [Appendix 1](#) to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Appointments to the Suffolk County Council Health Scrutiny Committee (2019-2020)