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**To:** Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee – 14 January 2021

Subject: Work Programme 2021

Classification: Unrestricted

Past Pathway of Paper: None

Future Pathway of Paper: Standard item

**Summary**: This report gives details of the proposed work programme for the Policy and Passuress Cabinet Committee

and Resources Cabinet Committee.

**Recommendation**: The **Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee** is asked to

consider and agree a work programme for 2021.

### 1. Introduction

- 1.1 The proposed Work Programme has been compiled from items on the Forthcoming Executive Decision List, from actions arising from previous meetings and from topics identified at agenda setting meetings, held 6 weeks before each Cabinet Committee meeting, in accordance with the Constitution, and attended by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and group spokesmen.
- 1.2 Whilst the Chairman, in consultation with the Cabinet Members, is responsible for the final selection of items for the agenda, this item gives all Members of the Cabinet Committee the opportunity to suggest amendments and additional agenda items where appropriate.

#### 2. Terms of Reference

2.1 At its meeting held on 27 March 2014, the County Council agreed the following terms of reference for the Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee "To be responsible for those functions that fall within the Strategic and Corporate Services Directorate" and these should also inform the suggestions made by Members for appropriate matters for consideration.

## 3. Work Programme 2021

- 3.1 The Cabinet Committee is requested to consider and note the items within the proposed Work Programme, set out in the appendix to this report, and to suggest any additional topics to be considered for inclusion on the agenda of future meetings.
- 3.2 The schedule of commissioning activity that falls within the remit of this Cabinet Committee will be included in the Work Programme and is considered at

agenda setting meetings to support more effective forward agenda planning and allow Members to have oversight of significant services delivery decisions in advance.

3.3 When selecting future items, the Cabinet Committee should consider performance monitoring reports. Any 'for information' or briefing items will be sent to Members of the Cabinet Committee separately to the agenda or separate member briefings will be arranged where appropriate.

#### 4. Conclusion

- 4.1 It is important for the Cabinet Committee process that the Committee takes ownership of its work programme to help the Cabinet Members to deliver informed and considered decisions. A regular report will be submitted to each meeting of the Cabinet Committee to give updates on requested topics and to seek suggestions for future items to be considered. This does not preclude Members making requests to the Chairman or the Democratic Services Officer between meetings for consideration.
- **5.** Recommendation: The Policy and Resources Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and agree a work programme for 2021.
- **6.** Background Documents None.

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