

SCOTTISH BORDERS COUNCIL AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

MINUTES of Meeting of the AUDIT AND
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held in Council
Headquarters, Newtown St Boswells on
Thursday, 30 November 2017 at 11.30 am

Present:- Councillors S Bell (Chairman), H Anderson, K Chapman, S Hamilton,
N Richards, R Tatler and E Thornton-Nicol.
Apologies:- Councillors J Fullarton, H Scott.
In Attendance:- Clerk to the Council, Democratic Services Officer (F Henderson).

1.0 MINUTE

There had been circulated copies of the Minute of 26 October 2017.

DECISION

APPROVED for signature by the Chairman.

2.0 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2017/2018

With reference to paragraph 2 of the Minute of 26 October 2017, there had been circulated copies of a report by the Chief Executive which sought approval for areas for Scrutiny review as part of a future Scrutiny work programme to be approved by Council. The report explained that as detailed in the Scheme of Administration, the Audit and Scrutiny Committee was required to develop an annual programme of work for approval by Council. There were a number of ways in which the Audit and Scrutiny Committee could proceed with reviews – either by Information Briefing, Hearing, or Working Group review. The final proposed work programme was detailed in the Appendix to the report and while it was normal practice to submit an annual work programme to Council, it was proposed that due to the timing of the proposals, the work programme take place over 15 months. Any other areas submitted for review in that period would be considered by Audit and Scrutiny Committee and approval sought from Council for inclusion in the work programme as appropriate. The report detailed the proposed reviews and there was some discussion about the prioritisation of reviews. Members agreed that the Home Schooling Update and the 2G and 3G Sports Pitches Update be considered first as these were the two which had been outstanding the longest and that the remaining reviews be considered in the order detailed in the Appendix.

DECISION

AGREED:-

- (a) the Scrutiny review work programme as detailed in the Appendix to this Minute;
- * (b) to recommend approval to Council of the Scrutiny work programme from January 2018 to March 2019 as detailed in the Appendix to this Minute;
- (c) to consider in future - as appropriate - additional items for inclusion in the Scrutiny work programme, with Council approval, up until March 2019; and
- (d) that the Home Schooling Update and the 2G and 3G Sports Pitches updates be considered as a matter of priority and the remaining programme of reviews be undertaken in the order detailed in the Appendix .

Meeting concluded at 11.40 a.m.