

Place Scrutiny Committee

Proposed 2020/2021 Programme





Meeting 1 – 29 July 2021

Agenda setting Meeting



Meeting 2 – 29th September, 2021

Place Services

- **Trading Standards**
 - Tackling sale of illicit tobacco and nitrous oxide gas as a priority issue.
 - Public health, public safety and regulatory considerations.
 - Intervention options and engagement with key partners moving forward.

Place Development

- **Development & Regeneration Grant Funding**
 - What grants have been received for what projects, what is the intended outcome of these projects, what is the progress to date, will grant funding terms and conditions be met
 - if not what remedial action is proposed.



Meeting 3 – 24 August 2021

Place Services

- **Impact of Covid-19 on Regulatory Service Functions**
 - Impact of C-19 pandemic on the Service.
 - Backlog inspections and narrowing the gap e.g. Food Control Hygiene inspections, registration of new food premises, noise nuisance.
 - Lessons learnt / service improvement opportunities moving forward.

Place Development

- **Planning Services**
 - What is the current situation in respect of the key areas of activity within Planning i.e. housing delivery, planning approvals and appeals, enforcement action, building control and strategic planning (Places for Everyone and Local Plan)?



Meeting 4 – 20 October 2021

Place Services

- **LGA Peer Review – Taxi Licensing**

- Progress against the recommendations of the LGA Peer review of the Councils Taxi Licensing function, inc. development of a Good Practice guide for Members/Officers involved in the taxi/PHV licensing process’;
- Introduction of online applications and digital solutions for new applications,
- Case management and reminders;
- Implementation of key performance measures;
- Engagement with trade representatives/operators;
- Review of governance and decision making related to the taxi/PHV licensing function; and
- Communications and member training.

Place Development

- **Economic Growth & Resilience Plan**

- What is our plan for economic growth; what is needed to achieve the plan’s objectives; what are the measurable outcomes and what timescales are applicable to achieving these outputs?



Meeting 6 – 08 December 2022

Place Services

- **Horwich and Lostock Flood Investigation**
 - Review of findings and recommendations related to the recent flood incident, following an investigation in line with the Council's responsibilities as Lead Local Flood Authority, under s19 of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010.

Place Development

- **Budget Savings Progress and Performance Measurement**
 - Are budget savings targets secured (what has been approved to date, what still needs to be approved) and what might disrupt the programme?
 - How are Place Directorate resources deployed across the Borough?
 - What is the impact of Covid on income and expenditure?
 - What KPI's are used to measure performance and how are we measuring up?
 - Bolton at Home Monitoring report

Meeting 5 – 09 February 2022

Place Services

Active Travel

- Overview of Bolton's existing and developing cycle and walking infrastructure and potential sustainable public transport;
- What Place Directorate and others are doing to encourage active travel and improve connectivity;
- How this activity links to GM Transport Strategy, the Councils emerging Climate Change Strategy and wider health and wellbeing agenda (inc active lifestyle) led by Public Health.

Place Development

• Regeneration of Bolton Town Centre and District Centres

- What are the main projects within of each plan: what progress has been made to date in terms of delivering these projects; what needs to be done to fully implement the plans and over what timeframe; what are the main issues/hurdles that need to be overcome to achieve success?



Meeting 7 – 13 April 2022

Place Services

- **Post Covid-19 - Delivery and Performance of Traded Services**
 - Following on from the 2020/21 review, to assess the impact of Covid-19 on income, including the impact of increased fees and charges (agreed as part of the 2021/22 budget setting process) on traded services inc Albert Halls, Bereavement Services, Bolton Market, Heaton Fold Garden Centre, Trade Waste, Pest Control, School Meals and Building Cleaning services *

**This item could be swapped out for an item on local environmental quality to include levels of fly tipping activity in the borough, household waste/contamination of recycling bins, potential impact of fees and charges, behaviour change intervention and environmental enforcement*

Place Development

- **Asset Management and Estate Optimisation**
 - What assets do the council own; how do we ensure our assets are repaired, maintained and optimised; how much do we spend on this activity and how is this funding deployed; what are the main asset management issues and how are we addressing these issues; what are we doing to address climate change (e.g. decarbonisation programme); what outcomes have been/will be secured through our current asset disposals programme and the wider implementation of our SAMP?
 - Bolton at Home Monitoring Report