Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Report of Executive Director (Legal and Democratic Services)

To

Place Scrutiny Committee, People Scrutiny Committee, Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee
On

4, 5 and 7 October 2021

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Agenda Item No.

Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22

Part 1 (Public Agenda Item)

1. Purpose of Report

To update the Committee on the progress of the joint in-depth scrutiny project for 2021/22.

2. Recommendations

That the project plan and work programme for the joint in-depth scrutiny project for 2021/22, be noted.

3. Joint In-Depth Scrutiny Project 2021/22

- 3.1 At the cycle of meetings in July 2021, it was agreed by each scrutiny committee that a single joint in-depth scrutiny project be undertaken on behalf of the three committees during the 2021/22 municipal year, on the theme of 'Enabling Councillors to be Effective.'
- 3.2 The project is being led by a project team to which appointments were made by the Council its meeting on 15 July 2021. The membership of the Project Team is Councillors B Beggs, K Buck, T Cowdrey, K Evans, A Line, J Moyies, D Nelson, I Shead and A Thompson. The Project Team is supported by S Meah-Sims (Head of Corporate Strategy), S Tautz (Principal Democratic Services Officer) and T Row (Principal Democratic Services Officer). Other officer support will be identified and called upon as appropriate or required for elements of the project.
- 3.3 Two meetings of the Project Team have so far been held to identify the scope of the scrutiny project and to develop a project plan and an achievable work programme. At its initial meeting, Councillor J Moyies was appointed as Chair of the Project Team.
- 3.4 The project plan and work programme for the in-depth scrutiny project as agreed by the Project Team, are attached as Appendices 1 and 2 to this report.