



North Tyneside Council

Overview & Scrutiny Co-ordination & Finance Committee

Monday, 17 July 2023

Monday, 17 July 2023 0.02 Chamber – Quadrant, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside, NE27 0BY commencing at 6.00 pm.

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To provide an opportunity to update the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordination and Finance Committee to its work programme.

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Helpful Points for Work Programming

What were the CfGS review objectives?

- Intended to advise the Council on
 - Strengthening the quality of scrutiny activities
 - Increasing the impact of scrutiny outputs
 - Developing a strong and shared understanding of the role and capability of the scrutiny function

Some points to bear in mind...

- The purpose of scrutiny in local government
 - Hold the Executive to account, and scrutinise service delivery (is it working?)
 - Contribute to policy development – strategic issues
 - Contribute to improved decision-making
 - Channel the voice of the public

Changes already made

- Reviewed our Committee structure
- Identified lead Cabinet members and link Directors to provide focused information and policy context
- Each Committee has developed a 'long list' of possible topics
- All Committee members invited to contribute to work planning

What else is needed?

- Prioritisation of topics (focus on strategy) – where can Scrutiny make an impact?
- Remember that 'less is more'
- Setting objectives (what do we want to achieve?)
- Facilitating information ahead of time, so committee meetings are not solely focused on providing information
- Decide how we want our scrutiny function to be – how best do we add value? How do we check we've met our own objectives?

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