

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 21 NOVEMBER 2017

SCRUTINY PANEL REVIEWS

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ABSTRACT

This report provides an update on the proposals for 2017/18 Scrutiny Panel reviews.

1. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Scrutiny and Audit Committee agree that, for the reason outlined in section 3 of this report, no Scrutiny Panel Reviews are undertaken during 2017/18.

2. BACKGROUND

The remit of this committee includes the commissioning of an annual programme of reviews of service performance and/or the implications of policy decisions. A number of suggestions for reviews to be undertaken during 2017/18 have been received from members.

3. PROPOSAL

Report 278/17 to Council in September 2017 set out proposals in relation to the next phase of the council's change programme and included an overview of the change projects currently included in the Change Programme Delivery Framework. The report notes the risk that "the work required through the change programme may impact on business as usual activity, but this is unavoidable if the council is to be financially sustainable".

Scrutiny reviews undertaken in previous years have required considerable input from council officers in supporting the review process. In view of the extensive change programme and the impact this will inevitably have on staff resources, it is proposed that no scrutiny reviews be undertaken in the current year.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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