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Report of:	Executive Director of Democracy, Law and People
Financial Summary:	There are no financial implications arising from this report.
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1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 Members are asked to review the proposed work programme for 2024-2025 set out as Appendix 2 to the report and identify any other items it wishes to include on it.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That, having regard to the Committee's Terms of Reference attached as Appendix 1 of this report the Committee indicate any further items it wishes to be added to its future Work Programme.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 The production of a work programme is to enable the Committee to review and update its forthcoming work plan at each of its meetings.
- 3.2 In order to ensure the Committee undertakes its work programme three meetings per annum have been programmed.
- 3.3 As part of its work programme an annual review of the code of conduct has been undertaken on an ongoing basis throughout the year as part of the wider review of the constitution. The review established that the code of conduct was fit for purpose, effective and followed best practice in local government. In addition, the Committee also undertook a thorough review of Member Personal Safety and debate at Full Council which involved assessing the Council's code of conduct in comparison to comparable local authorities. Following this review the Committee agreed that explicit reference should be made in the Members code of conduct to state that Councillors should expect respectful behaviour from the public.

3.4 As best practice the code of conduct will continue to be kept under review on an ongoing basis. All councillors have attended training sessions on the code of conduct and refresher sessions will continue to be held annually.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications.

5. Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

**If you have any questions about this report, or wish to inspect one of the background papers, please contact:
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Background Papers: None.