

**REGENERATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
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WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary

The item advises the Committee of the current work programme and enables adjustments to be made in light of latest priorities, issues and circumstances. It gives Members the opportunity to shape and direct the Committee's activities over the year.

1. Budget and Policy Framework

1.1 Under Chapter 4 – Rules, paragraph 22.1 (v) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

2. Background

2.1 Appendix 1 to this report sets out the existing work programme for the Committee.

3. Agenda planning meeting

3.1 Members will be aware that Overview and Scrutiny Committees hold agenda planning meetings on a regular basis. These give officers greater guidance on information Members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue. An agenda planning meeting took place on 13 May 2008 where the current work programme was considered.

4 Future work programme

4.1 Cabinet's Forward Plan

Waste Collection and Street Cleaning Services (Gateway 1)* 3 June 2008

Cabinet will be asked to approve the options appraisal for proceeding with the procurement process for this contract.

(* this will now be reported to Cabinet on 5 August 2008)

Rochester Riverside: Establishment of Management Company** 15 July 2008

Cabinet agreement is sought to the principle of establishing a Management Company to manage and maintain all non-adopted roads and public open spaces and the river wall at Rochester Riverside post development completion.

(** this is now likely to be reported to Cabinet at a later date.)

- 4.2 Portfolio Holders being held to account – this Committee now has the following portfolios within its remit and the Portfolio Holders are held to account on an annual basis.

<u>Portfolio</u>	<u>Portfolio Holder</u>
Leader (Regeneration)	Cllr Rodney Chambers
Community Safety & Enforcement	Cllr Chishti
Community Services	Cllr Doe
Frontline Services	Cllr Filmer
Strategic Development & Economic Growth	Cllr Chitty

- 4.3 Critical Success Factors – these are reported to Members on a quarterly basis and it is proposed that these are included on the work programme on 28 August 2008, 3 December 2008 and 25 February 2009.

4.4 Previous requests for regular reports

January	Update on Building Control Partnership Business Plan
April	Annual report from Cleaning/waste contractor(s)
September/October	Annual report on climate change

- 4.5 Task groups – the Bus Stop Parking Restrictions task group and Waste Contract Task Group are continuing their work throughout 2008-2009. The Committee has also agreed, in principle, that future task groups should be established to consider disabled parking bays and the Lower Thames River Crossing when possible.

5 Legal and financial implications

5.1 There are no financial or legal implications arising directly from this report.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to:

- (a) consider the Committee's current workload and identify any regular items for cancellation and/or additional items for inclusion in the work programme, set out at appendix A;
- (b) agree that the relevant Portfolio Holders are invited to attend a meeting between August 2008 – April 2009 to be held to account.

Background papers

None.

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