

**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.

3.2 An agenda planning meeting took place on 12 August where the current work programme was considered. The Chairman was informed that the report on the "Rochester Riverside: Establishment of Management Company" had been removed from the Cabinet's Forward Plan and the committee's work programme, as further work was required. It would be re-scheduled once the work had been completed.

- 3.3 The Chairman was also advised that the report on "Medway Park: Award of contract" which was due to go to Cabinet on 23 September had now been deferred until the Cabinet meeting on 14 October. As the committee had identified this report for pre-decision scrutiny and the report will not be ready for our meeting on 28 August, the Chairman asked that a special meeting was arranged in early October 2008.
- 3.4 Officers informed the Chairman that a report on the Corporation Street Development Framework had been added to the Cabinet's Forward Plan and as Cabinet had previously instructed (in September 2006) that as a matter of policy, all future development briefs are subject to pre-decision scrutiny, this would be added to the committee's work programme for 21 October 2008.

#### **4 Future work programme**

##### **4.1 Cabinet's Forward Plan**

Additional items have been added to the Forward Plan which fall within the remit of this committee. These are listed below:

Local Development Framework Annual Monitoring Report - 16/12/08

The Government requires an Annual Monitoring Report (AMR) to be prepared to show if Local Development Frameworks (LDFs) are achieving their aims and delivering sustainable development. Its purpose is to report on both the performance of specific planning policies and a summary of progress against milestones set out for preparation of Local Development documents identified as part of the Local Development Scheme.

#### **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:

- (i) consider the Committee's current workload and identify items for cancellation and/or for inclusion in the work programme (as detailed in paragraph 4), set out at appendix A;
- (ii) agree that a special meeting is held in early October to consider a report on 'Medway Park: Award of contract' as pre-decision scrutiny.
- (iii) note that a report on the Corporation Street Development Framework had been added to the work programme for consideration on 21 October 2008.

**Background papers**

None.

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