

**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 11 September 2008 and the Chairman was asked to defer the report on the Local Transport Plan (LTP2) until 13 January 2009 meeting when the Council would have received a letter of confirmation from GOSE and there would also be information on the new LTP3 to report to Members. The Chairman

was also informed that a petition referral with regard to rubbish collection had been now been dealt with satisfactorily and the petitioners had withdrawn their request for the Committee to consider this matter (as reported in Agenda Item 5(F) of this agenda.)

4 Future work programme

4.1 Cabinet's Forward Plan

There are no additional items added to the Forward Plan which fall within the remit of this committee.

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) note that a special meeting will be held on 20 November 2008 to consider a report on 'Medway Park: Award of contract' as pre-decision scrutiny;
- (iii) note that the report for LTP2 will now be reported to a meeting on 13 January 2009;
- (iv) note that a report on 'Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) Management Plan' has been scheduled for inclusion on the work programme for 3 December 2008 as pre-decision scrutiny.

Background papers

None.

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