

**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 November 2008. The Chairman agreed that the presentations from the Police and the Council's Road Safety team and the Sports and Recreation Strategy would be deferred until 13 January 2009, and that the strategy would remain as pre-decision scrutiny as it would be reported to Cabinet later that month. The Chairman was also advised that the committee had

previously requested that the attendance of Councillor Jane Chitty to be held to account was deferred and this had been re-arranged for 7 April 2009.

- 3.3 The Chairman was informed that Councillor Godwin had requested a Member's Item on the sustainability of any future funding plan for Medway Tunnel. The Chairman asked that a report was added to the work programme for consideration on 13 January 2009, as the December meeting already had eight items for consideration.

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 the presentations by the Police and Road Safety team have been deferred until 13 January 2009;
- (iii) note that the Sports and Recreation Strategy has been deferred until 13 January 2009;
- (iv) note that a Member's Item would be submitted to the meeting on 13 January 2009 on the sustainability of any future funding plan for Medway Tunnel.

Background papers

None.

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