

**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 3 February 2009. The Chairman was informed that the Sport and Recreation Strategy would be deferred to the following meeting to allow further work to take place before it is submitted. The report on the possible funding for a dedicated museum would also be deferred to allow Medway's museum curators together with representatives of Medway Council to hold an informed debate at the Medway Tourist Association meeting in late March.

- 3.3 Due to the amount of items to be considered at the next meeting of the committee on 7 April 2009, the Chairman suggested that the verge parking ban (criteria) report is submitted to Members as a briefing note detailing the information that had previously been requested.
- 3.4 Since the agenda planning meeting, the Chairman has also agreed that information due to be submitted to this meeting on the new working hours of the Community Safety Team will be sent to Members by way of a briefing note and this will be sent out week commencing 16 February 2009.

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

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

There are two new items on the Cabinet's Forward Plan within the remit of this committee. The committee may choose whether to request that a report is submitted for consideration prior to decision by Cabinet, or not.

##### Economic Development Strategy

21 April 2009

The Medway Economic Development Strategy 1999-2010 was adopted in 1999 and this report will review and update the document.

##### Local Development Framework – Issues and Options Report

21 April 2009

The rationale for the issues and options consultation is explained in Planning Policy Statement 12: Local Development Frameworks (PPS12). PPS12 advises that at the earliest stage in the preparation of the development plan document, and particularly for preparation of the core strategy, the local planning authority should gather evidence about their area. This evidence will then be relied upon by the local planning authority in testing the soundness of the development plan document at independent examination.

*Please note that there is a cross-party Members' Advisory Group working with officers in developing the Local Development Framework.*

#### **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 set out at appendix A;
- (ii) agree that a report on possible funding for a dedicated museum is deferred until further notice;
- (iii) agree that a report on verge parking ban criteria is submitted to Members via a briefing note and removed from the work programme;
- (iv) note the deferral of the Sports and Recreation Strategy until 7 April 2009;
- (v) note that the information due to have been submitted to this meeting on the new working hours of the Community Safety Team has already been sent to Members by way of a briefing note.

### **Background papers**

None.

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