

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 Wednesday 5 August 2009.
- 3.2 The Chairman was advised that two items on the work programme had been deferred until 21 October meeting - the report from the Disabled Parking Bays task group and the Social Regeneration Strategy Review

(which had also been deferred on the Cabinet's Forward Plan, so would remain as pre-decision scrutiny.)

- 3.3 Officers also advised that two Member's Items had been requested for consideration at the meeting on 21 October and these were:
 - Ward Parking Reviews, and
 - the new waste collection service (black sacks)

and a report previously requested on traffic flow in Chatham town centre had been allocated to the 2 December 2009 meeting, as officers would have sufficient data by that time.

4 Future work programme

4.1 <u>Cabinet's Forward Plan</u>

There are two items which have been added to the Forward Plan since the last meeting of this Committee, which are not already on the work programme and these are detailed below:

4.1.1 Chatham World Heritage Management Action Plan - 13 Oct 2009

The Management Plan sets out how members of the Chatham World Heritage steering group and Partnership will help to preserve and promote the outstanding international significance of Chatham Dockyard and its defences. It forms part f the bid document for World Heritage Site status. Cabinet is asked to approve its policies and actions as a continued demonstration of support for Chatham's bid.

However, as the next Overview and Scrutiny meeting is scheduled for 21 October 2009, officers can send information to Members via a Briefing Note, if requested.

4.1.2 <u>South Thames Gateway Building Control Business Plan 2010/2011</u> - <u>15 December 2009</u>

The Committee agreed on 29 May 2008 (minute 70) that this information would be provided as a Briefing Note on an annual basis. This will be provided in December 2009.

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 inclusion in the work programme set out at appendix A;
- (ii) consider whether Members wish to receive information about the Chatham World Heritage Management Action Plan as a Briefing Note;
- (iii) note that the report on the Social Regeneration Strategy Review and the report from the Disabled Parking Bays task group have been deferred until 21 October 2009;
- (iv) note that the report on traffic flow in Chatham town centre will be submitted to the meeting held on 2 December 2009.

Background papers

None.

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