

REGENERATION, CULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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WORK PROGRAMME

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Summary

This item advises Members of the current work programme and allows them to adjust it in the 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, Part 5 of the Constitution – Overview and Scrutiny Rules, paragraph 21.1 (xv) General terms of reference, each overview and scrutiny committee has the responsibility for setting its own work programme.

2. Background

2.1. Appendix A to this report sets out the existing work programme for this 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 guidance on information Members wish them to provide when scrutinising an issue. An agenda planning meeting was held on 2 June 2016.

3.2 The Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Spokespersons were updated on the committee's current work programme and advised on the reports to be submitted to this meeting.

3.3 Following discussions at the agenda planning meeting, it was suggested that:

- The Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority's offer to undertake a presentation to the Committee on consultations concerning closure of an area of the estuary to all fishing activities so as to protect juvenile fish that are reliant on habitats be accepted and added to the work programme for the August meeting.

It was also noted that the following programme of Portfolio Holder attendance had been agreed with Portfolio Holders:

- 18 August 2016 – Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services – Councillor Filmer
- 25 October 2016 – Portfolio Holder for Planning, Economic Growth and Regulation – Councillor Chitty
- 8 December 2016 – Portfolio Holder for Corporate Services – Councillor Mackness
- 17 January 2017 – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Services – Councillor Doe and Portfolio Holder for Inward Investment, Strategic Regeneration and Partnerships – Councillor Rodney Chambers OBE
- 28 March 2017 – Portfolio Holder for Business Management – Councillor Turpin

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 19 May 2016. Set out below is a list of items featuring on the Forward Plan that fall within the terms of reference of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee. The Committee is asked to identify any items it wishes to consider before the Cabinet decision is taken (where dates permit), other than those already programmed in Appendix A.

<u>Title of Decision:</u>	<u>Anticipated Decision Date:</u>
Gateway 3 Contract Award: Strood Riverside Flood Defences	12 July 2016
Council Plan Monitoring – Quarter 1 – <i>This will be coming to RCE O&S Committee on 25 October 2016</i>	27 September 2016

6. Financial and legal implications

6.1 There are no financial or legal implications arising from this report.

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 a) The Committee is asked to agree the following addition to the work programme for 18 August 2016 in line with the suggestions of the agenda planning meeting and to identify any additional items for inclusion in the work programme:

The Kent and Essex Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority's offer to undertake a presentation to the Committee on consultations concerning closure of an area of the estuary to all fishing activities so as to protect juvenile fish that are reliant on habitats.

- b) The following programme of Portfolio Holder attendance be noted:
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Appendices

Appendix A – Work programme

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Background papers

None.