

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 3 August 2017.

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.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

- 4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 7 August 2017. 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.

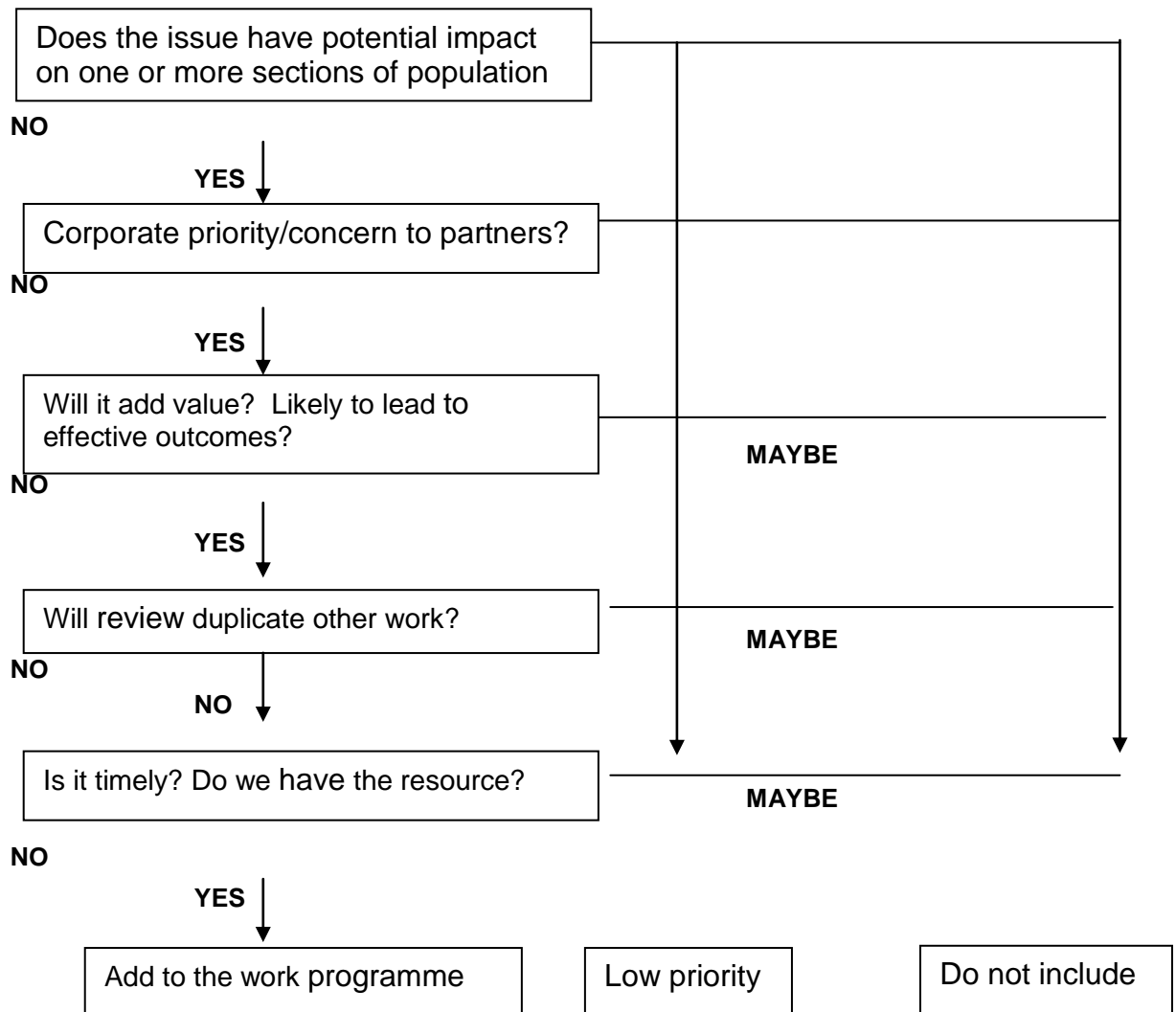
<u>Title of Decision:</u>	<u>Anticipated Decision Date:</u>
Rede Common – Local Nature Reserve Designation	5 September 2017
Council Plan Quarter 1 2017/18 Performance Monitoring Report - <i>This is on this Committee's work programme for 19 October 2017</i>	26 September 2017
Expansion of the South Thames Gateway Building Control Partnership	26 September 2017
Planning Enforcement Policy	26 September
Medway Commercial Group Performance Monitoring Report	24 October 2017
Council Plan Quarter 2 2017/18 Performance Monitoring Report - <i>This is on this Committee's work programme for 7 December 2017</i>	21 November 2017
Draft Capital and Revenue Budget 2018/19 - <i>This is on this Committee's work programme for 7 December 2017</i>	21 November 2017
Local Plan: Authority Monitoring Report	19 December 2017

5. Selection of scrutiny topics for the next round of scrutiny reviews

- 5.1 Since 2011 Medway Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees have operated a systematic and criteria based approach to the selection of topics for Scrutiny Task Groups.

This reflects national best practice and is summarised overleaf:

Questions to ask when prioritising topics for review



- 5.2 At the last meeting of the Committee Members were invited to submit ideas for topics for the next round of Task Groups in 2018/19 using the criteria based template previously adopted for this process. The topics suggested by each Overview and Scrutiny Committee will be discussed at an informal meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen, Vice Chairmen and Opposition Spokespersons at the end of October and then submitted for consideration and prioritisation by the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 30 November.
- 5.3 At the agenda planning meeting for this Committee it was agreed to put forward the topic of “Physical Activity” for consideration as a Task Group review in 2018/19. The template setting out the rationale for this suggestion is attached at Appendix A. This would be a cross –cutting review for the Regeneration, Culture and Environment, Children and Young People and Health and Adult Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committees. The Committee is asked to indicate its support for this suggestion.

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 note the current work programme and identify any additional items for inclusion in the work programme.
 - b) The Committee is asked to agree the changes to the work programme as set out in paragraph 3.3 above.
 - c) The Committee is asked to indicate its support for the topic of Physical Activity being submitted for consideration as a Task Group review in 2018/19.

Appendices

Appendix A – Template for rationale of selection of Physical Activity Task Group

Appendix B - Work programme

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Background papers

None.