

REGENERATION, COMMUNITY AND CULTURE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

1 JUNE 2010

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 Thursday, 20 May 2010.

- 3.2 Officers advised that the Community Safety Plan Review was still being developed and would be submitted to the 6 July meeting.
- 3.3 The Chairman was also advised that a consultation response had been received from English Heritage with regard to the Gun Wharf Supplementary Planning Document and until a meeting had been held this would not be reported to the committee. It was hoped that an early meeting could be arranged and the report would be submitted to the next meeting of the committee.
- 3.4 A pre-decision report was also due to be considered by the committee at this meeting on the Local Development Framework (pre-publication version) but this was also now postponed for consideration until 6 July 2010 meeting.

3.5 Referral from Business Support Overview & Scrutiny Committee

At the pre-agenda meeting the Chairman was advised that when the Business Support O&S Committee met on 16 March 2010 and considered the Council Plan Monitoring report, which included an update on Local Area Agreement (LAA) indicators, the committee agreed to refer NI 32 (repeat incidences of domestic violence in cases reviewed at Multi-Agency Risk Assessment Conference [MARAC]) and NI 152 (working age people on out of work benefits) to this committee for further consideration as they were both shown as areas requiring development (red status).

NI 32 – repeat incidences of domestic violence in cases reviewed at a MARAC

Officers advised that year-end monitoring of NI 32 shows that Medway is now on track to meet the LAA target which is concerned with the victims of domestic abuse at greatest risk. Members will continue to receive updates on this as part of council plan monitoring. The Chairman noted that a review is currently being scoped and findings will be reported back to this committee through regular performance reports.

NI 152 – working age people on out of work benefit

This indicator has been renegotiated as part of the Local Area Agreement (LAA) refresh and the target lead partner, Job Centre Plus, advises that the new target is challenging but achievable. The Chairman suggested that the committee reviews this new target and whether progress has been made in six months time.

- 3.6 At the pre-agenda meeting, the Chairman asked the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture to arrange an evening site visit for all Councillors to view the works for the new bus facility, the roadworks, the location of the bus stops and timescales for the implementation of the various works in Chatham town centre.

4 Future work programme

4.1 Cabinet's Forward Plan

There are no new items on the Cabinet Forward Plan 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:

- (a) consider the Committee's current workload and identify items for inclusion in the work programme set out at appendix A;
- (b) note that the reports on Community Safety Plan Review, Local Development Framework (pre-publication version) report and Gun Wharf Supplementary Planning Document will be submitted to the meeting on 6 July 2010;
- (c) note that future consideration of NI 32 (repeat incidences of domestic violence in cases reviewed at a MARAC) will take place through the Council Plan Monitoring reports and on-going discussion with the Community Safety Partnership;
- (d) agree that in-depth information is submitted to this committee via the Council Plan Monitoring report on the progress made in the action plan for NI 152 (working age people on out of work benefit) in early 2011;
- (e) ask the Director of Regeneration, Community and Culture to arrange an evening site visit inviting all Members of the Council to monitor the new road and building works in Chatham town centre including the development of the new bus facility.

Background papers

None.

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Work Programme
Regeneration, Community and Culture Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Policy framework documents: Community Safety Plan, Local Transport Plan and plans and other strategies which together comprise the Development Plan

Item	Work type	Responsible officer	Objectives	Timescale
Air Quality Management Action Plan – outcome of consultation	Pre-decision scrutiny	Andy McGrath, Assistant Director, Frontline Services	To consider the consultation responses and refer any comments onto Cabinet for determination.	1 June 2010
Fourth quarter performance report 2009/2010	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To consider the final quarter performance for 2009/2010.	1 June 2010
Petition referral	Petitions	Geoff Walters, Public Transport Manager	To consider a petition referral requesting a bespoke bus service for children from St Mary's Island to Chatham and Rochester schools.	1 June 2010
Scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership	Scrutiny	Caroline Salisbury, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator	To scrutinise the performance of the Community Safety Partnership.	1 June 2010
Community Safety Partnership Plan Review	Policy development	Andy McGrath, Assistant Director, Frontline Services	To review the annual refresh of the plan.	1 June 2010 – move to 6 July
Gun Wharf Masterplan, Chatham	Pre-decision scrutiny	John Finlayson, Medway Renaissance Project Leader	To consider the outcome of the consultation of the Masterplan prior to decision by Cabinet.	1 June 2010 – move to 6 July
Local Development Framework (pre-publication version)	Policy development	Brian McCutcheon, Local & Regional Planning Manager	To consider the draft document prior to public consultation.	1 June 2010 – move to 6 July
Best Street/High Street Masterplan	Policy development	John Finlayson	To scrutinise the result of the consultation and to forward any comments/recommendations on to Cabinet.	18 August 2010

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Local Transport Plan 3	Policy development	Steve Hewlett, Integrated Transport Manager	To consider the consultation responses and to forward comments and/or recommendations to Cabinet.	18 August 2010
Amhurst Hill Design Brief SPD	Policy development	Frances Madders, Senior Urban Design Officer	To scrutinise the result of the consultation and to forward any comments/recommendations on to Cabinet.	18 August or 29 September 2010
Council Plan monitoring – first quarter	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise performance against targets in the Council Plan.	29 September 2010
Report from task group on the effectiveness and future of PACTs	Scrutiny review	Caroline Salisbury, Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinator	To present the findings and outcome of the scrutiny review.	Late Summer 2010
Council Plan monitoring – second quarter	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise performance against targets in the Council Plan.	21 December 2010
Draft capital and revenue budgets 2011/2012	Budget scrutiny	Mick Hayward, Chief Finance Officer	To scrutinise the Cabinet's draft budget proposals for 2011/2012	21 December 2010
Council Plan monitoring – third quarter	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise performance against targets in the Council Plan.	31 March 2011
Attendance of the Leader of the Council to be held to account – regeneration	Executive accountability	Brian Weddell, Assistant Director Medway Renaissance	To hold the Leader to account for executive decision-making with regard to regeneration.	To be confirmed
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Community Safety and Enforcement to be held to account	Executive accountability	Andy McGrath, Assistant Director Front Line Services	To hold the Portfolio Holder to account for executive decision-making.	To be confirmed

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Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Front Line Services to be held to account	Executive accountability	Andy McGrath, Assistant Director Front Line Services	To hold the Portfolio Holder to account for executive decision-making.	To be confirmed
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Community Services to be held to account	Executive accountability	Richard Hicks, Assistant Director Customer First, Leisure, Culture, Democracy and Governance	To hold the Portfolio Holder to account for executive decision-making.	To be confirmed
Attendance of the Portfolio Holder for Strategic Development & Economic Growth to be held to account	Executive accountability	Stephen Gaimster, Assistant Director Development, Economy and Transport	To hold the Portfolio Holder to account for executive decision-making.	To be confirmed
End of year performance report 2010/2011	Performance monitoring	Abi Cooper, Research and Review Manager	To scrutinise performance against targets in the Council Plan.	To be confirmed

Future meeting dates:

2010: 1 June, 6 July, 18 August, 29 September, 16 November and 21 December (budget).

2011: 10 February and 31 March.