

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 11 July 2019.

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 At the agenda planning meeting, it was suggested that:

- The Four Elms Hill AQMA report be rescheduled for 26 March 2020.
- The Annual Review of Waste Contracts report be re-scheduled from 26 March to the first meeting (June 2020) post Annual Council which will allow the report to give a fuller account of Norse's take-over of the contract. In the interim, the Assistant Director Front Line Services will produce a briefing note in March 2020 providing Members with some initial information on the new contract.
- The CCTV Improvement Programme item be a briefing note rather than a report.

4. Cabinet Forward Plan

4.1 The latest Forward Plan of forthcoming Cabinet decisions was published on 8 July 2019. 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> |
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| Council Plan Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 1 2019/20 – <i>This is on the RCE O&S Committee work programme for 17 October 2019</i> | 24 September 2019 |
| Innovation Park Medway Local Development Order – Request to adopt | 24 September 2019 |
| 2020/21 Capital and Revenue Budgets – <i>This is on the RCE O&S Committee work programme for 5 December 2019</i> | 19 November 2019 |
| Council Plan Monitoring and Risk Register Review Quarter 2 2019/20 – This is on the RCE O&S Committee work programme for 5 December 2019 | 19 November 2019 |
| LED Lighting Scheme | 19 November 2019 |
| South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) Strategic Board Structure | 19 November 2019 |
| Local Plan: Authority Monitoring Report | 17 December 2019 |

5. Next Scrutiny Task Group

- 5.1 On 4 July 2019 the Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee reviewed the current round of Task Group topics and agreed they should take place in the following priority order:

Review 1: Physical Activity (Health and Social Care, Children and Young People, Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committees).

Review 2: Town Centres for the 21st Century (Regeneration, Culture and Environment and Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committees).

Review 3: Support for Carers (Health and Adult Social Care/Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Committees)..

- 5.2 It was agreed that the Task Group on Physical Activity should comprise 7 Councillors (4 x Conservative and 3 x Labour) drawn from the Health and Adult Social Care (HASC), Children and Young People (CYP) and Regeneration Culture and Environment (RCE) Overview and Scrutiny Committees as follows with the HASC Overview and Scrutiny Committee designated as the lead Committee:

- HASC O&S Committee – 2 x Conservative (one of whom will be Chairman of the Task Group) and 1 x Labour and Co-Operative
- CYP O&S Committee – 1 x Conservative and 1 x Labour and Co-Operative
- RCE O&S Committee – 1 x Conservative and 1 x Labour and Co-Operative

- 5.3 It is envisaged that the Task Group will start its work in September. The Business Support Overview and Scrutiny Committee has authorised the Head of Democratic Services to appoint the Members of the Physical Activity Task Group once nominations have been received from Group Whips in consultation with the relevant Overview and Scrutiny Committee Chairmen and Opposition Spokespersons

6. Financial and legal obligations

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

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 The Committee is asked to;

- a) note the current work programme;
- b) agree the suggestions of the pre-agenda meeting set out at paragraph 3.3 in the report;
- c) identify any additional items for inclusion in the work programme; and
- d) note that the next Task Group will be on Physical Activity and that this Committee has been invited to put forward 2 Members to serve on the

Task Group (1 x Conservative and 1 x Labour and Co-Operative) with nominations to be processed through Group Whips in consultation with the Chairman and Opposition Spokesperson of this Committee.

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Appendices

Appendix A – Work programme

Background papers

None