



Committee: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: WEDNESDAY, 8 FEBRUARY 2017

Venue: MORECAMBE TOWN HALL

*Time:* 6.00 P.M.

Councillors are reminded that as Members of overview and scrutiny they may not be subjected to the Party Whip, which is prohibited under the Lancaster City Council Constitution.

### AGENDA

## 1. Apologies for Absence

### 2. Minutes

Minutes of the Meetings held on 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2016 and 4<sup>th</sup> January 2017 (previously circulated).

# 3. Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chairman

#### 4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Members of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Members should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Members are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

## 5. Fly Tipping and Lancashire County Council's Permit Scheme at Recycling Centres

An Officer from Lancashire County Council has been invited to attend the meeting.

#### 6. Discussions with Councillor Pattison

Cabinet Member with responsibility for :

- Markets
- Voluntary Sector
- Older People
- Rural Affairs

Councillor Pattison has been invited to attend the meeting.

### 7. Late Night Economy in the Lancaster District Informal Task Group

The Chairman of the Task Group has been invited to attend the meeting to present the report.

The Report will be circulated separately.

# 8. Consideration of any requests for Councillor Call for Action (in accordance with the process)

# 9. Consideration of any Petitions (in accordance with the process)

# 10. Locality Working

# 11. Work Programme Report (Pages 1 - 6)

Report of the Chief Executive.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS**

## (i) Membership

Councillors June Ashworth (Chairman), Caroline Jackson (Vice-Chairman), Alan Biddulph, Tracy Brown, Brett Cooper, Rob Devey, Roger Mace, David Whitaker and Phillippa Williamson

### (ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Lucy Atkinson, Nigel Goodrich, Janet Hall, Geoff Knight, Abi Mills and Nicholas Wilkinson

## (iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Jenny Kay, Democratic Services - telephone (01524) 582065 or email jkay@lancaster.gov.uk.

# (iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Democratic Support, telephone 582170, or alternatively email <a href="mailto:democraticsupport@lancaster.gov.uk">democraticsupport@lancaster.gov.uk</a>.

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# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

# **Work Programme Report**

# 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017

# Report of the Chief Executive

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To provide Members with an update of the Committee's Work Programme.

This report is public.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) That Members note the Work Programme, as detailed in Appendix A to the report and the updates set out below.

#### 1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the Work Programme attached at Appendix A that has been updated taking into account the decisions made at the September meeting.

### 2. Updates

## Civic Task Group Recommendations

Members will recall, at the last meeting of the Committee on 21st December, it was agreed:

"That the recommendations of the Civic Task Group be reconsidered by a group of interest Members who would in turn report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee."

A meeting has been arranged on 15<sup>th</sup> February to consider this issue.

## Pot Holes in the District

The Committee have requested an update on Pot Holes in the District from Lancashire County Council. Officers from the County Council have offered to attend a Committee meeting to give Members a presentation on the latest situation regarding Pot Holes.

This has been scheduled for the meeting on 8th March 2017.

### **SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

The Section 151 Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

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MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS		
The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.		
BACKGROUND PAPERS Contact Officer: Jenny Kay		
None.	Telephone: 01524 582065 E-mail: jkay@lancaster.gov.uk	

# **OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

Matter for Consideration	<u>Detail</u>	Comments/Expected Date of Meeting	Officer Responsible /External
Review of Measures taken to counter Racism, Xenophobia and Hate Crime.	Referred to Community Safety Partnership.  (Minute 25 – 23 <sup>rd</sup> Nov 2016 refers).	O&S Members invited to attend Community Safety Partnership themed meeting – report back March 2017.	Chief Officer (Environment).
Annual consideration of Older People's Issues (inviting Age UK and other relevant agencies).	That Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to include Older People's issues in their Work Programme on an annual basis.  Invite Cabinet Member with Responsibility to a future meeting to discuss.  Tie in with Health Scrutiny meeting.	February 2017/	External organisations.  Invite Cabinet Member with Responsibility.
Fly Tipping.	Invite Lancashire County Council to attend a future meeting to discuss, including the introduction of the Permit Scheme at Recycling Centres. (Min 9 refers – 21st September 2016).	February 2017.	Lancashire County Council.
Update on the Peer Review.  To include Councillors Skills and Information.	That an update be provided in 6 months time and that this be added to the Committee's Work Programme.  (Note: Action from LGA Peer Review Action Plan - Min 72 refers - 6th April 2016).		Chief Executive.
Consideration of the Recommendations of the Civic Task Group	An Informal Working Group to meet once and report back to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	March 2017.	Democratic Services Manager.
Pot Holes in the District.	An update has been.	March 2017.	Lancashire County Council.
Air Quality Control.	Request a presentation on Air Quality in the district taking into account the impact of the Heysham Gateway.  (Min 9 refers – 21st September 2016).	April 2017.	Chief Officer (Health & Housing)

Review of Policies and Procedures in place for dealing with Major Flooding Incidents.	Page 4 That any major flooding works be reported to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	Spring 2017 – if required.	Chief Officers (Heath & Housing), (Environment) and (Regeneration & Planning).  Relevant Cabinet Members and Agencies.
Community Safety Partnership.	Annual meeting to consider Community Safety issues.  Note: The Committee undertakes the functions of the Council's crime and disorder committee for the purposes of Section 19 of the Police and Justice Act 2006, including CCfA relating to crime and disorder matters.	November 2017.	Chief Officer (Environment).  Invite Chief Inspector and the relevant Cabinet Member with responsibility.
Customer Services Strategy & Future Complaints Policy.	Referred from the Budget and Performance Panel.	TBA.	Chief Executive.
Discussion Paper on Property Strategy.	This item has been covered in a Member Briefing. Subject to approval of a related growth item this will be progressed in the next financial year.  (Min 4 refers - 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2016).	TBA.	Chief Officer (Resources).
Promoting the Local Economy and the Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy.	Raised as a Cllr suggestion, consideration of report prior to Cabinet (Min 15 refers - 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015).  That Morecambe BID be invited to attend a future meeting to discuss promoting the Local Economy. (Min 4 refers - 8 <sup>th</sup> June 2016).	It is anticipated that this strategy will be presented to Cabinet in the new year and there will be an opportunity for wider member involvement in the run up to that process.  TBA.	Chief Officer (Regeneration and Planning) and Morecambe BID.
Update report on Health Scrutiny.	That a further update be provided to the Committee in due course (on "Better Care Together"). (Min 9 refers – 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2015).  Note: OSC given permission by CBC to undertake preparatory work in response to the consultation, with the final response to be considered by CBC, in line with the standard procedure, if and when appropriate to do so. (CBC Min 8 – 27 <sup>th</sup> June 2013 refers).	TBA when appropriate.	Clinical Commissioning Group.  Invite all City Council's incl. representative on the County Council's Health Scrutiny Committee.

	Page 5	Chief Officer
Fly Grazing	Look at best practice and request   2017/18	(Environment).
	more information.	
	(Min 9 refers – 21st September	
	2016).	

# **Briefing Notes**

Matter for Consideration	Comments & Date Requested	Officer Responsible	Date Circulated
Fly Tipping – Increase since the introduction of charges at Recycling Centres.	Min 54 refers - 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2015.	Chief Officers (Environment)/ (Health and Housing).	
Timescale for Risk Management.	Action from LGA Peer Review Action Plan – That a timescale on this piece of work be provided for the Committee - Min 72 refers - 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2016.	Chief Officer (Resources).	Work on information Governance and other Assurance matters taking priority. Briefing note will be produced in January.
The Council's approach to digitalisation - Council's plans, obstacles and how the Council would ensure it took place.	Action from LGA Peer Review Action Plan – That the Council's approach to digitalisation be requested to include the Council's plans regarding digitalisation, what the obstacles are and how the Council ensures this takes place - Min 72 refers - 6 <sup>th</sup> April 2016.	Chief Officer (Resources).	Briefing note will be produced in January.
Update on the Council's Energy Strategy.	Pre-Scrutiny agreed to request a Briefing Note – November 2016.	Chief Officer (Environment).	
Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties.	Pre-Scrutiny agreed to request a Briefing Note – November 2016.	Chief Officer (Health and Housing).	
Caravans and Mobile Home parking on Morecambe Promenade overnight.	Pre-Scrutiny agreed to request a Briefing Note – November 2016.	Request made to Lancashire County Council.	
Pot Holes in the District.	Pre-Scrutiny agreed to request a Briefing Note – November 2016.	Request made to Lancashire County Council.	County Council to attend meeting on 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2017.
Locality Working.	Pre-Scrutiny agreed to request a Briefing Note – November 2016.	Request made to Lancashire County Council.	

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# Task Groups

Task Group Topic	<u>Date</u>	<u>Progress</u>
Resilience Commission Informal Task Group.	April 2016. (Min 84 refers).	2 meetings held.
Voluntary, Community and Faith Sector Commissioning.	September 2016 (Min 9 refers).	First meeting scheduled for 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2017.