

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme Report

5th March 2014

Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

PURPOSE OF REPORT

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

This report is public.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Committee consider the updated Work Programme.
- (2) That the Committee consider whether it wishes to undertake further work on the issues highlighted within the report.

1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the updated Work Programme.

2. Updates

i. Older People's issues

Work has begun on the Dementia Friendly pilot in Bare and Torrisholme. The Ward Councillors for the 2 wards are involved and have met with Age UK to take this forward.

ii. Information on current CCTV provision and any future options for change from other Local Authorities

At the meeting of the Committee in November which was dedicated to Community Safety issues, it was agreed that :

"That the Committee requested information from all local and unitary authorities in Lancashire as well as South Lakeland District Council and Cumbria County Council on current CCTV provision and any future options for change."

This information was circulated to the Committee.

The Committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to undertake any further work on this issue and set up a Task Group to carry this out.

iii. Lancaster Fire Station Emergency Cover Review

Several Members have been contacted by a member of the public who has raised concern over the proposed removal of a fire appliance from Lancaster Fire Station which would halve the capacity for the city and outlying areas.

The Council has responded to the consultation on this proposal which has been circulated to Members of the Committee. The consultation period has ended but the implementation of this is in another 3 years.

The Committee is requested to consider if it wishes to pursue this issue.

iv. Flood Defences

Councillor Dennison has made a request that the Committee investigates the district's flood defences following the recent flood alerts and storms. This would include coastal defences as well as fluvial flooding.

The Committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to undertake some in depth work into this issue and set up a Task Group to carry this out.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

As there are no financial implications arising from this report and the S151 Officer has no comments to make.

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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