

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Work Programme Report

11<sup>th</sup> June 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.

#### 1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the updated Work Programme.

#### 2. Updates

##### Flooding issues

Members will recall that the Committee requested a briefing note on flood defences from the County Council. This information has been received and circulated to the Committee.

The Chief Executive has received a request from Network Rail that has been referred to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

Network Rail are asking that the City Council work with them to evaluate the most effective way to provide protection from flooding to the West Coast Main Line. Network Rail wish to have discussions to work towards providing a railway which is resilient to flooding and flood damage.

##### Marmot Review

The Leader of the Council has requested that the Committee hear a presentation by Dr Grady on the Marmot Review. This was recently provided at the Lancashire Leaders' meeting. The Leader has also requested that other Members of the Council be invited to attend.

The Marmot Review was undertaken to investigate Health Inequalities and it proposes an evidence based strategy to address the social determinants of health, the conditions in which people are born, grow, live, work and age and which can lead to health inequalities. It

draws further attention to the evidence that most people in England aren't living as long as the best off in society and spend longer in ill-health.

Members are requested to consider this request and perhaps inviting all Councillors to attend.

#### Update on Property Repairs

The Chief Officer (Resources) understands that an update report on property repairs has been requested, but clarity is sought on the specific purpose and scope of the report, given that formal updates are already reported on a quarterly basis to both Cabinet and Budget and Performance Panel. At the end of April a briefing note was provided for the Committee; this was not expected to be considered in full at the last meeting. Rather, it was intended that Members would take the information away, digest it, and then at a subsequent point, such as this meeting, decide whether a formal report on any aspect was needed, indicating the reasoning and scope.

Furthermore, as highlighted at the last meeting, work is currently underway on setting out the Year 2 delivery plan for corporate property works. Once this has been completed, the note on cleaning the museum stonework will be set in that context (and in particular the extent to which the museum features in the plans from Year 2 onwards). Although this note was requested last year, there are no existing plans / funds to clean the stonework and it is important that the Committee has an appreciation of other works needed and planned for the building, so that a fuller picture of the prioritisation can be presented.

#### Requests for suggestions for Work Programme

At the beginning of each Municipal Year, suggestions are invited from Members and officers on ideas for this year's Work Programme. The views of the public are also sought through a press release.

A copy of the Committee's Work Programme is appended to this report. Please note this is last year's Work Programme and an updated Programme will be produced after the next meeting of the Committee when Members will agree the content of the Work Programme for the forthcoming year.

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

As there are no financial implications arising from this report 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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