

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Work Programme Report

15<sup>th</sup> June 2015

### Report of Chief Officer (Governance)

#### PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide Members with an updated Work Programme for 2015/16.

**This report is public.**

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members consider the report.
- (2) That Members consider what should be included in the 2015/16 Work Programme.

#### 1. Introduction

The Committee is requested to consider the following in order to assist in producing with an updated Work Programme for 2015/16.

#### 2. Outstanding items

Members are requested to consider if they wish the items that were not considered in the 2014/15 Municipal Year to remain on the Committee's Work Programme for 2015/16. These issues are set out in the attached Work Programme.

Members are requested to consider each item that is outstanding on the Work Programme and agree which items will be taken forward to this Municipal Year.

#### 3. Task Groups

Currently there are no Task Groups in operation, although carried over from the previous year, there are 2 suggested topics for Task Groups - Litter in the District with particular focus on the night time economy and secondly, the Marmot Review (A national review of Health Inequalities).

If Members wish to create a Task Group, this will need to be scoped in order to provide clarity and purpose. This will then be reported back to the Committee.

#### **4. Community Safety**

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee have previously agreed to designate the November meeting as the Crime and Disorder meeting for each year. Members are requested to consider whether they wish to maintain the annual consideration of Community Safety at the November meeting.

#### **5. Invitations to Cabinet Members**

Every effort will be made to ensure that the attendance of cabinet members coincides with consideration of issues relevant to their respective portfolios. It is suggested that the Leader of the Council be invited to an early meeting of the Committee, if possible July, to discuss corporate priorities and allocation of cabinet portfolios. The relevant Cabinet Liaison Members from the Committee should ensure they keep in contact with their Cabinet Member to keep updated with the latest issues and developments within their portfolios.

#### **5. Requests for suggestions for the Work Programme**

Suggestions will be invited from Members and officers on ideas for this year's work programme. The views of the public will also be sought through a press release.

A further report on any suggestions submitted will be provided at the July meeting.

#### **6. Standing Agenda Items**

As the Committee will see from the Agenda front page there are a number of items which appear on each Agenda. For Members information more detail on these items is provided as follows:

##### Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)

Councillor Call for Action (CCfA), is set out in the Police and Justice Act 2006 and Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007. Section 119 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 provides for a Councillor Call for Action (CCfA). This gives Members the opportunity to ask for discussions at a scrutiny committee on issues where local problems have arisen and where other methods of resolution have been exhausted. These powers are limited to issues affecting single Council Wards. Issues of more general policy will continue to be dealt with by scrutiny committee(s) under their existing powers contained within the Constitution.

Further details are contained within the Constitution.

##### Petitions

The City Council's Petition Scheme advises that Council can refer a petition that has been received to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for consideration. The Committee will consider and carry out any inquiry work, as appropriate, before reporting back to Cabinet or the relevant decision-making body.

##### Locality Working

The City Council and County Council meet as the three Tier Forum a number of times a year to discuss issues in the district. This is a mechanism for engaging with Members of Lancashire County Council on locality. This Committee's Terms of Reference include the following:

“To gain an overview of and scrutinise issues of mutual interest pertaining to the Lancaster District with Members of the County Council as and when appropriate. To be effected by way of a standing item of business entitled “locality working.”

In previous years a City Council Member of the Forum has reported to the Committee. The Committee has made recommendations with regard to the County’s Gritting Policy and arrangements for the local area.

<b>SECTION 151 OFFICER’S COMMENTS</b>	
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As there are no financial implications arising from this report the S151 officer has no comments to make.	
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<b>MONITORING OFFICER’S COMMENTS</b>	
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The Monitoring Officer has been consulted and has no further comments to add.	
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