

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme Report

14th October 2015

Report of the 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. An updated Work Programme is attached at Appendix A.

2. Updates

Committee System - Fylde Borough Council – Site visit

As Members will recall, at its meeting held on 8th July 2015, the Committee requested a report on the experiences of other Local Authorities in England who have changed from a Cabinet to Committee governance system.

Following consultation with the Chairman about the best way forward, the Democratic Services Manager will liaise with colleagues at Fylde to Borough Council to arrange for the Committee to undertake a site visit and meet with Councillors from Fylde, a Council that changed from a Cabinet to Committee model of governance in May 2015. This will give Members an opportunity to gain an impression of what has happened at the Council, ask questions and discuss the experience with Fylde Councillors.

In order to allow time for the system to 'bed-in' at Fylde the Chairman has agreed that this be arranged in approximately 6 months' time. If, in the interim, Members would like to receive a briefing note on the shape of the new style committee systems that have recently been adopted, or information about the pros and cons of both systems, the Democratic Services Manager can provide a paper for consideration.

Update on Portas Project

Officers have contacted the Chairman of the Morecambe Town Team who is happy to attend the December meeting of the Committee to provide an update on the Portas Project.

SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS

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

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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