

# OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

## Work Programme Report

27<sup>th</sup> January 2016

### 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 Members note the Work Programme, as detailed in Appendix A to the report and the updates set out below.
- (2) That Members consider whether they would like to include any further items in the Work Programme.

#### 1. Introduction

Members are requested to consider the Work Programme attached at Appendix A and the updates set out in 2 below.

#### 2. Updates

##### Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties

At its last meeting, the Committee requested an update on the Licensing Scheme for Private Sector Rented Properties. This is being included as part of the Neighbourhood Wellbeing Project in the West End of Morecambe which will begin later in the year. It is expected that a report will be produced in the Autumn.

##### Items for consideration by the Committee

The following 2 items have been received and placed on the agenda in accordance with Part 4, Section 5, paragraph 10(a) of the Council's Constitution, which states:-

- (a) *Any Member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Budget and Performance Panel shall be entitled to give notice to the Chief Executive that they wish an item relevant to the Terms of Reference of the meeting of which they are a member to be included on the agenda for the first available meeting. The meeting will determine whether the issue should be included in its Work Programme based on its relevance as compared to the priorities as set out in the Scrutiny Work Programme.*

##### (i) Proposal for a Resilience Commission for Lancaster District

Councillor Caroline Jackson has submitted an issue for consideration by the Committee.

Members are requested to consider the proposal attached at Appendix B.

**(ii) Derelict and Unightly Buildings**

Councillor David Whitaker has requested the Committee to consider the issue of derelict and unsightly buildings, in particular, whether Members would want to do some work and try and work out a satisfactory outcome for residents who are negatively impacted by this problem.

**Flooding**

The Committee will recall it has agreed to hold an additional meeting in March 2016, if the timing is appropriate, to consider a report and the policies and procedures in place for dealing with this and other major flooding incidents. Members also requested that the relevant officer(s), Cabinet Member(s), and other relevant representatives including the emergency services, Lancashire County Council, NW Electricity and the Environment Agency be invited to the meeting to provide evidence and answer questions to ensure that all organisations learn from this incident.

In order to gather evidence it was agreed that all Councillors should be emailed to obtain their feedback from the various Wards within the District.

This information is being collated and will be presented at the additional meeting to consider this issue.

**Scoping of Possible Task Group**

Members were advised at the last meeting that the scoping of a possible Task Group to investigate the promotion of the local economy would be undertaken to report back to the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Committee meeting.

This has yet to be undertaken as work has focused on setting up the Informal Task Group on the Night Time Economy.

**Dementia Friends Session**

As requested by the Committee, a Dementia Friends session has been arranged to take place as part of the next meeting of the Committee on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February 2016.

**SECTION 151 OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

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

**MONITORING OFFICER'S COMMENTS**

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

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None.

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