

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work Programme Report

8th June 2016

Report of the Chief Executive

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 the outstanding items on the Committee's Work Programme and agree what should be carried over and included in the 2016/17 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

APSE Report

Members of the Committee will recall that, at its meeting on 6th April 2016, in discussions with Councillor Leytham, Cabinet Member with Responsibility for Housing and Environmental Health, it was agreed:

"That the Committee consider any Value for Money Review of the Repair and Maintenance Service before considering whether to scope a Task Group to investigate this piece of work."

Management Team discussed this action and suggested that it was more appropriate for the Budget and Performance Panel to consider this as it is included in the Panel's Terms of Reference. However, it was also suggested that when the Panel considers the review, Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members should be invited to attend.

The Chairman of the Panel has been consulted and has agreed to invite Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to attend and ask questions when the APSE report is considered by the Panel. This has been scheduled for 12th July 2016 Panel meeting.

Property Disposal Strategy Update

A review of the Council's Corporate Property Strategy has been underway for some time, focusing particularly on disposal aspects, and Officers should soon have a draft update for consideration by Cabinet in due course (likely to go to the August Cabinet meeting at the earliest, subject to other work demands). Given some of the issues that arose during the recent call-in on St. Leonard's House, Officers have queried whether this topic may be suitable for some pre-decision scrutiny from the Committee.

If so, it is suggested this be provisionally scheduled for the Committee's 20 July meeting.

Outstanding Work Programme Items

Members are requested to consider if they wish the items that were not considered in the 2015/16 Municipal Year to remain on the Committee's Work Programme for 2016/17. These issues are set out in the attached Work Programme at Appendix A.

Task Groups

Currently there are two Informal Task Groups in operation.

The Late Night Economy in the Lancaster District Informal Task Group has met 4 times and at the first meeting agreed to undertake themed meetings.

The themes to be considered are:

- Community Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour
- Licensing
- Trade
- Impact on Street Cleansing
- Health and Wellbeing

The Task Group has 2 more themed meetings to undertake.

The Resilience Commission Task Group will be meeting for the first time shortly. It is planned to meet twice.

Both of the Informal Task Groups will report back to the Committee once their work is complete.

Community Safety

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has 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 or timetable another occasion in the municipal year.

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.

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 and the Council's website.

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

Standing Agenda Items

As Members of the Committee will be aware, there are a number of items which are required to appear on each Agenda. These are :

- Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)
- Petitions
- Locality Working

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.	
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None.	