
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 27 October 2009
Subject: Work Programme 2009-2010
Report of: Jon Partridge, Overview & Scrutiny Officer
Summary: The report provides Members with their current work programme to consider any amendments that they may wish to make.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: n/a

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Council Priorities:

The work programme of the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee should contribute to all 5 Council priorities, and will specifically support those 2 directly related to the work of the Sustainable Communities directorate, being managing growth effectively and creating safer communities.

Financial:

n/a

Legal:

n/a

Risk Management:

n/a

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

n/a

Equalities/Human Rights:

n/a

Community Development/Safety:

n/a

Sustainability:

n/a

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers the current work programme and any amendments it may wish to make.
2. That the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee considers whether it wishes to establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items on the draft work programme.

Reason for Recommendation: So as Members of the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee can keep their work programme for the municipal year 2009 – 2010 under review to ensure it is fit for purpose.

Work Programme

1. At its first meeting the Committee received a presentation providing an overview of the Sustainable Communities directorate and the key issues and challenges facing it. A work programme was subsequently drafted containing a number of priority items to allow officers to plan accordingly.
2. The work programme is regularly kept under review by the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and officers and is amended as may be appropriate, which also includes adding further items during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists. This current agreed work programme is attached at **Appendix A**.

Task Forces

3. Development Strategy Task Force
The Committee will be aware at its meeting on 4 August 2009 a Task Force was established to consider all non-strategic matters in relation to the Local Development Framework (LDF), Local Transport Policy (LTP3) and Housing Policy. This Task Force has been renamed the Development Strategy Task Force to reflect the wider remit it possesses than just matters relating to the LDF. An indicative work programme for the Task Force is attached at **Appendix B**.
4. Whilst the Committee has already established the Development Strategy Task Force Members may wish to consider establishing any further Task Forces in addition to this to review any other items on its work programme in greater depth and report back its findings.
5. The Committee has also established a Member Advisory Group for the purpose of consultation on the proposed programme of highway works composed by Councillors Bastable, Gale, Kane, Maudlin and Williams.

Conclusion

6. The Committee is requested to consider the work programme attached and make any further amendments it considers necessary. Members are also requested to consider highlighting those items within the work programme where they wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work.

Appendices:

Appendix A: Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2009 – 10

Appendix B: Draft Development Strategy Task Force Work Programme 2009 - 10