
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 23 February 2010
Subject: Work Programme 2009-2010
Report of: Jon Partridge, Overview & Scrutiny Officer
Summary: The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted work programme.

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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:

None

Legal:

None

Risk Management:

None

Staffing (including Trades Unions):

None

Equalities/Human Rights:

None

Community Development/Safety:

None

Sustainability:

None

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee:
 - (a) considers and approves the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make; and
 - (b) considers whether it wishes to add any further items to the work programme and/or establish any Task Forces to assist it in reviewing specific items.

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 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 Development Strategy Task Force has met on a number of occasions to consider items including the Design Guide for Central Bedfordshire, site allocations for housing and employment and gypsy and traveller sites and the Local Transport Plan. An indicative work programme for the Task Force for 2009 – 2010 is attached at **Appendix B**.
4. Member Advisory Group

The Committee has also established a Member Advisory Group for the purpose of consultation on the proposed programme of highway works (**Minute SCOSC/09/18 refers**) composed by Councillors Bastable, Gale, Kane, Maudlin and Williams. Following conclusion of the capital allocation by Full Council on 26 February 2010 a draft highways programme will be developed. The Member Advisory Group will then be canvassed to advise on this.

Conclusion

5. 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: Development Strategy Task Force Work Programme 2009 - 10