
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee
Date: 08 May 2014
Subject: Provisional Work Programme & Executive Forward Plan
Report of: Richard Carr, Chief Executive
Summary: The report provides Members with details of the currently drafted Committee work programme and the latest Executive Forward Plan.

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Public/Exempt: Public
Wards Affected: All
Function of: Council

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

The work programme of the Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee will contribute indirectly to all 5 Council priorities. Whilst there are no direct implications arising from this report the implications of proposals will be detailed in full in each report submitted to the Committee.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- 1. that the sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee**
 - (a) considers and approves the work programme attached, subject to any further amendments it may wish to make;**
 - (b) considers the relevant items of the Executive Forward Plan; and**
 - (c) 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.**

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

1. Appended is the currently drafted work programme for the Committee.
2. The Committee is now requested to consider the work programme attached and amend or add to it as necessary.

Overview and Scrutiny Task Forces

3. In addition to consideration of the work programme, Members may also wish to consider how each item will be reviewed i.e. by the Committee itself (over one or a number of Committee meetings) or by establishing a Member Task Force to review an item in greater depth and report back its findings.

Executive Forward Plan

4. Listed below are those items relating specifically to this Committee's terms of reference contained in the latest version of the Executive's Forward Plan to ensure Members are fully aware of the key issues Executive Members will be taking decisions upon in the coming months. The full Executive Forward plan can be viewed on the Council's website at the link at the end of this report.

Ref	Issue	Indicative Exec Meeting date
1.	Central Bedfordshire Development Strategy	27 May 2014
2.	The Plan-Making Programme (Formally the Local Development Scheme)	27 May 2014
3.	Planning Guidance for Solar Farms	27 May 2014
4.	Local Development Order for the Woodside Estate and surrounding area in Dunstable	27 May 2014
5. *	Wixam Park Masterplan	27 May 2014
6.	Development Brief for Site Allocations Policy HA1, Potton Rd, Biggleswade	27 May 2014
7. *	Delivery of superfast broadband in Central Bedfordshire	27 May 2014
8.	Community Infrastructure Levy	15 July 2014
9.	Draft Planning Obligations Strategy	15 July 2014

Those marked (*) are not presently on the Committee work programme

Conclusion

5. Members are requested to consider and agree the attached work programme, subject to any further amendments/additions they may wish to make and highlight those items within it where they may wish to establish a Task Force to assist the Committee in its work. This will allow officers to plan accordingly but will not preclude further items being added during the course of the year if Members so wish and capacity exists.

Appendix – Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme

Background reports:

The Executive Forward Plan (can be viewed at any time on the Council's website) at the following link:-

<http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=577&RD=0>