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**Meeting:** Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 20 August 2015

**Subject:** Work Programme 2015 – 2016 & Executive Forward Plan

**Report of:** 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**

##### **Council Priorities:**

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 details 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 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. Attached 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.	Nature Conservation Strategy	6 October 2015
2.	Plan-making Programme for Central Bedfordshire	6 October 2015
3.	European Structural Investment Funds (ESIF)	6 October 2015
4.	Environmental Enhancement Strategy	1 December 2015
5.	Central Bedfordshire Permit Scheme	1 December 2015
6.	Adoption of Community Infrastructure Levy and Planning Obligations Strategy	12 January 2016
7.	Passenger Transport Strategy	12 January 2016
8.	Housing Strategy for Central Bedfordshire	9 February 2016
<b>Non Key Decisions</b>		
9.	Stratton Business Park Local Development Order and Food Enterprise Zone	6 October 2015
10.	Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2016 - 2017	9 February 2016

## 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:

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](http://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/modgov/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=577&RD=0)