
Meeting: Sustainable Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date: 14 January 2016

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.	Adoption of the Planning Obligations Strategy	9 February 2016
2.	Environmental Enhancement Strategy	9 February 2016
3.	ESIF funding ERDF Innovation Bridge programme	9 February 2016
4.	Houghton Hall Park Renaissance and Renewal Project	9 February 2016
5.	Community Safety Partnership Priorities 2016 - 2017	9 February 2016
6.	Dunstable Leisure Centre and Library Redevelopment	9 February 2016
7.	Passenger Transport Strategy	5 April 2016
8.	Waste Transfer Station Operational Contract Award	5 April 2016
9.	Housing Strategy	5 April 2016
10.	Local Transport Plan 4	5 April 2016
Non Key Decisions		

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>