

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 20 October 2015

Subject: Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme – Six Monthly Review

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Recommendations:

That the current work programme be reviewed in accordance with rule 9.3 of the Overview and Scrutiny Rules having regard to:

- (a) the resourcing and scope of the programme; and**
- (b) the reserve programme and new proposals from members.**

1. (Director of Governance). The Overview and Scrutiny Procedural rules state that 'The Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme shall be of six – months duration and be reviewed at or before the expiration of that six month period'.

2. The current work programme is attached. A review of this plan is therefore now due.

Task and Finish Panels

3. Two Task and Finish Panels were established last year and are still running, they were the Grant Aid Task and Finish Panel and the Youth Engagement Task and Finish Panel. Both T&F Panels are up and running and have held several meetings so far and both are set to finish by the end of this calendar year.

Select Committees

4. Four new Select Committees have been established this year, replacing the five Scrutiny Panels. The new Select Committees roughly cover the work of the four newly established Directorates. The new Select Committees are: the Housing Select Committee, the Governance Select Committee, the Neighbourhood and Community Services Select Committee and the Resources Select Committee.

Reserve List.

5. A reserve list of scrutiny topics is required to ensure that the work flow of OSC is continuous. OSC will 'pull out' items from the list and allocate them accordingly once space becomes available in the work plan following the completion of existing reviews.

6. To date, two PICK forms have been submitted; one asking that the causes and problems recently experienced by the waste collection service be considered, this has been added to the work programme of the Neighbourhood & Community Services Select Committee; the second PICK form asked that the new 6th form consortium be reviewed and this has been added to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's work programme.

7. A new, third PICK form has been submitted by Councillor Neville and this is attached for consideration by the Committee.
8. Councillors and now members of the public can put forward any suggestions for consideration for inclusion in the reserve list. Existing review items will be dealt with first, and then time will be allocated to the items contained in the reserve work plan.
9. Members need to bear in mind that new projects can be added but only if there is capacity among Committees and/or officers to undertake them.