

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme – March 2015

Overview and Scrutiny Committee			
Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) OS Annual Review/ Annual Report	July 2014	Final report went to the July 2014 meeting.	01 July 2014; 16 Sept.; 14 October; 10 Nov; 12 January 2015; 10 February; 23 March; and 27 April.
(2) To meet with Essex County Council in respect of Children Services and on annual basis, with the attendance of the Director of Children's Commissioning.	10 November 2014	Recommendation taken from the Children Services Task and Finish Panel. Chris Martin attend the meeting.	
(3) Six monthly review - (10) Monitoring of OS recommendations (b) OS work programme	10 November 2014	Last completed in November 2014	
(4) To review the strategic direction of Epping Forest College, its vision for the future and its relationship with the Community	01 July 2014	The new Principal of Epping Forest College addressed the July 2014 meeting. In September 2014, the Committee agreed that the Principal should be asked to address them on an annual basis.	

(5) To receive a presentation from Youth Council members	January 2015	Members of the Youth Council to attend with an update on their programme of work.	
(6) Key Objectives 2014/15	Outturn report to July 2015 meeting	Outturn report for 2014/15. Quarterly progress reports in respect of the annual Key Objectives are made to the Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.	
(7) Key Objectives 2014/15	Progress reports to be considered on a quarterly basis.	Quarterly progress to be considered at meetings to be held in Sept. 2014 (Qtr 1), Jan 2015 (Qtr 2) and March 2015 (Qtr 3).	
(8) Mental Health Services in the District.	Now for March 2015	Came in February 2014 to update the Committee on the state of the Mental Health Services in the District – asked to return in 2015 and update the committee on progress made.	
(9) To establish a Task and Finish Panel on Scrutiny Panels	July 2014	Established a Task and Finish Panel to look at the future of Scrutiny Panel.	
(10) To received a presentation from NEPP	April 2015		
(11) Task and Finish Panel to look at future of the Youth Council	February 2015	The Committee constituted a Task and Finish Panel to look at the future of the EFDC Youth Council	

Scrutiny Panels

Housing Scrutiny Panel (Chairman – Cllr Murray)

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress/Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) Performance against Housing Service Standards and Review	July 2014	COMPLETED	22 July 2014 16 October (Extra-Ordinary Meeting) 21 October 2014 20 January 2015 Moved to 9 February 2015; and 24 March 2015
(2) 12-Month Progress Report on Housing Strategy Action Plan 2013/14	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(3) Housing Key Performance Indicators (KPI) – Quarter 1	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(4) Six Month Review of the HRA Financial Plan	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(5) Six Monthly Progress Report on Housing Business Plan Action Plan	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(6) Private Sector Housing Strategy Action Plan – Annual Progress Report	October 2014	COMPLETED	

(7) Annual Review of the Housing Allocations Scheme and Tenancy Policy	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(8) Annual Diversity Report of Housing Applicants	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(9) Housing Strategy Action Plan 2015	February 2015	COMPLETED	
(10) Housing Key Performance Indicators (KPI) – Quarter 2	February 2015	COMPLETED	
(11) Briefing on the proposed Council rent increase for 2015/16	February 2015	COMPLETED	
(12) Proposed housing service improvements and service enhancements – 2015/16	February 2015	COMPLETED	
(13) Housing Key Performance Indicators (KPI) – Quarter 3	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting	
(14) HRA Business Plan 2015/16	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting	
(15) 12-monthly Progress Report on Housing Business Plan Action Plan	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting	

Special (Planned) Items – Including Updated Housing Service Strategies			
(16) Housing Service Strategy on the Private Rented Sector (Review and Update)	July 2014	COMPLETED	
(17) Consideration of the Government's "Pay to Stay" Policy (DCLG Guidance on Social Housing Rents)	July 2014	COMPLETED	
(18) Housing Under Occupation Officer post – 1 Year Review	July 2014	COMPLETED	
(19) EFDC Tenant Profile Report	July 2014	COMPLETED	
(20) Presentation from Family Mosaic on their Floating Support Service to vulnerable people to help prepare/sustain their tenancies	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(21) Housing Service Strategy on Rent Arrears (Review and Update)	October 2014	COMPLETED	
(22) Housing Service Strategy on Harassment (Review and Update)	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting – but may need to be deferred due to workload and other priorities	
(23) Housing Service Strategy on Anti-Social Behaviour (Review and update)	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting – but may need to be deferred due to workload and other priorities	
(24) Homelessness Strategy 2015-2018	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting – but may need to be deferred due to workload and other priorities	

(25) Housing Service Strategy on Older People's Housing (Review and update)	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting – but may need to be deferred due to workload and other priorities	
(26) Housing Service Strategy on Housing and Estate Management (Review and update)	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting – but may need to be deferred due to workload and other priorities	
(27) Housing Service Strategy on Empty Properties (Review and update)	March 2015	Scheduled for March meeting – but may need to be deferred due to workload and other priorities	
(28) Report of the Tenant Scrutiny Panel on its Service Review of Tenant Involvement	July 2015	Deferred to at least July 2015 – since the Tenant Scrutiny Panel has not yet completed its work and is also struggling with its membership numbers	
(29) Possible operation of operating a "Sinking Fund" for new leaseholders in new or existing flat blocks where there are no existing leaseholders	July 2015	Deferred due to workload and other officer commitments to July 2015	
(30) Housing Strategy 2015-2018	October 2015	Deferred – to October 2015, due to delays with the formulation of the Local Plan Preferred Options	
(31) Presentation on progress with Essex Landlord Accreditation Scheme	February 2015	COMPLETED	

Constitution and Member Services Scrutiny Panel (Chairman – Cllr Sartin)

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) Review of Polling Stations	28 July 2014	COMPLETED	28 July 2014; 23 September;
(2) Review of Elections	28 July 2014	COMPLETED	18 November Changed to 27 November 2014;
(3) Joint Consultative Committee – Terms of Reference and Constitution regarding representation for non-union staff	27 November 2014	COMPLETED	13 January 2015 Moved to 16 February 2015; 3 March; and 17 March
(4) Review of the Council's Constitution		Scoping report received 23 September 2014. To be completed by March 2016.	
(5) Articles of the Constitution	Starting 27 November 2014	First draft considered November 2014, re-draft required for a later meeting.	
(6) Constitution – Minority References	16 February 2015	COMPLETED	
(7) Constitution – Thresholds for Leases and Licences	16 February 2015	To be submitted to a later meeting	
(8) Constitution – Council Procedure Rules	Starting 27 November 2015	Part completed to be considered again at the meeting	
(9) Constitution – Use of Chairman's Casting Vote	16 February 2015	COMPLETED	
(10) Operation of the Planning Committees.	16 February 2015	COMPLETED – Referred to OSC and Council for approval	
(11) Review of operation of the Complaints Panel	3 March 2015	COMPLETED - considered at the March meeting.	

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Panel (Chairman – Cllr Lea)

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) Enforcement activity	Next due - July 2015	Six monthly report to Panel –last went to the January 2015 meeting	15 July 2014
(2) CCTV action plan review	Next due - July 2015	Six monthly report to Panel – last went to January '15 meeting	07 October 2014;
(3) CSP scrutiny review meetings	April 2015	Report last went to April 2014 meeting.	06 January 2015;
(4) Receive notes of Waste IAA Member meetings	As appropriate	Notes reported to Panel at first available meeting following receipt – the January '14 meeting received notes of 24 October 2013 meeting A verbal update on the new waste contract was given to the July 2014 meeting	24 February 2015; 28 April 2015
(5) Receive notes of Waste Management Partnership Board	As appropriate	Notes reported to Panel at first available meeting following receipt – October '14 meeting received notes of 15 August 2014 meeting	Crime & Disorder Scrutiny meeting – April 2015?
(6) To received updates from the Green Corporate Working Party	As Appropriate	The January 2015 meeting received a progress report.	
(7) Receive notes of Bobbingworth Nature Reserve liaison group	As appropriate	Notes reported to Panel at first available meeting following receipt – the Sept. 14 minutes went to the January 2015 meeting..	
(8) Recycling in flats and multi-occ dwellings		A verbal report updating members on the latest position was given at the October 14 meeting	

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Scrutiny Panel (Chairman – Cllr Lea)

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(9) Monitor Local Highways Panel	As Appropriate	To keep a watching brief on the effectiveness of the Local Highways Panel – October '14 meeting received minutes from the August 2014 meeting.	
(10) Review notes of SLM contract monitoring board	As Appropriate	Notes reported to Panel at first available meeting following receipt – October '14 meeting received minutes of the September 2014 meeting	
(11) Receive notes of North Essex Parking Partnership (NEPP) minutes	As Appropriate	Notes reported to Panel at first available meeting following receipt – January '15 meeting received notes from the October '14 meeting.	
(12) Highway Accident statistics	Presentation went to the July 14 meeting.	Initial report went to April 2013 meeting. A presentation from Police Casualty Reduction Manager went to the July '14 meeting.	
(13) To monitor the minutes of the Police and Crime Panel	As Appropriate		
(14) To consider PICK form submitted by Cllr. Neville on Air Pollution.	Went to the February 2015 meeting.	The October 2014 O&S Committee asked that this Panel consider the PICK form on Air Pollution in the District. A report went to the February '15 meeting.	
(15) To review the specific quarterly KPI's for 2014/15	As Appropriate	Reviewed Q3 figures at February '15 meeting	
(16) Presentation on Drainage and Engineering	February 2015	A presentation on Drainage was given to the Feb. 2015 meeting.	

Planning Services Scrutiny Panel (Chairman – Cllr Chambers)

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
1. To consider and Review Measures taken to Improve Performance within Development Management - KPIs 2014/15 Q1 Performance	2 September 2014 & 9 December 2014	The Panel would review 5 Key Performance Indicators. COMPLETED	8 July 2014; 2 September 2014; 9 December 2014; 26 February 2015 (Extra-Ordinary Meeting) and 14 April
2. To monitor and receive reports/updates on the delivery of the Local Plan: a. To report on the progress of the Local Plan b. To provide further updates on the Local Plan Community Infrastructure Levy	To be updated at every Panel meeting		
3. Community Infrastructure Levy	9 December 2014	COMPLETED The Panel received a report at its December meeting, they requested a further report on S106s post April 2015	
4. To monitor and receive reports/updates on the Planning Electronic Document Management System	2 September 2014 and 14 April 2015	Received report on 2 September 2014	

5. To establish whether there are any resource implications arising out of the topics under review and advise Cabinet for inclusion in the Budget Process each year. To provide reports/updates as and when required	2 September 2014	Received update on Electronic Records Document Management Systems at the 2 September 2014 meeting	
6. To consider and report on any recent meeting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area and District Committees Invitation Panel.	9 December 2014	Any recent meeting of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Area and District Committees Invitation Panel - COMPLETED	
7. To receive urgent or other consultations and consider what response to give on behalf of the Council.	As and when required to meet consultation deadline	a. The London Infrastructure Delivery Plan Consultation (2 Sept 2014), recommendations to OSC – 16 Oct 2014 b. Notification of consultation regarding Building More Homes on Brownfield Land. Due to time constraints the Panel responses were passed to Ast Dir Development Management for return to Govt– 26 Feb 2015	
8. S106 Agreements Monitoring Report (Annually)	8 July 2014	COMPLETED	
9. Speaking and arrangements at Planning Sub-Committees	9 December 2014	PICK Form request from Councillor B Sandler referred from the OSC to this Panel COMPLETED	

Finance and Performance Management Scrutiny Panel (Chairman – Cllr Church)

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress / Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
(1) Key Performance Indicators – 2013/14 - Outturn	Outturn KPI performance (all indicators) considered at the first meeting of each municipal year.	Outturn KPI performance report for 2013/14 (all indicators) considered at meeting on 16 July 2014.	16 July 2014; 09 September; 11 November;
(2) Key Performance Indicators – 2014/15 – Quarterly Performance Monitoring	Quarterly KPI performance (specified indicators only) considered on a three-monthly basis.	Quarterly KPI performance report for 2014/15 (specified indicators) to be considered at the meetings to be held in September 2014 (qtr. 1), November 2014 (qtr. 2) and March 2015 (qtr. 3).	19 January 2015 – jointly with Fin. Cabinet Cttee; and 10 March.
(3) Proposed Key Performance Indicators – for 2015/16	Draft indicator set considered alongside review of third quarter KPI performance for 2014/15.	Proposed KPIs for 2015/16 to be considered at March 2015 meeting.	
(4) Financial Monitoring 2014/15	Quarterly budget monitoring reports considered on a three-monthly basis.	Quarterly budget monitoring reports for 2014/15 to be considered at the meetings on September '14 (qtr. 1), November '14 (qtr. 2) and March '15 (qtr. 3).	

(5) Annual Consultation Plan	Consultation plan considered on an annual basis at first meeting in each municipal year.	Consultation Plan was considered at July 2014 meeting.	
(6) Detailed Portfolio Budgets	Portfolio budgets considered on an annual basis jointly with the Finance and Performance Management Cabinet Committee.	Annual review of portfolio budgets to be considered at joint meeting with the Cabinet Finance & Performance Management Committee on January 2015.	
(7) Equality Objectives 2012-2016 - Progress	Progress against equality objectives considered on a six-monthly basis.	Half yearly progress reports for 2014/15 to be considered at meetings on November 2014 and July 2015.	
(8) Provisional Capital Outturn 2013/14	Provisional Revenue Outturn considered on an annual basis at first meeting in each municipal year.	Provisional outturn for 2013/14 was considered at meeting on 16 July 2014	
(9) Provisional revenue Outturn 2013/14	Provisional Revenue Outturn considered on an annual basis at first meeting in each municipal year.	Provisional outturn for 2013/14 was considered at meeting on 16 July 2014	
(10) Fees and Charges 2015/16	Proposed fees and charges considered on an annual basis each November.	Proposed fees and charges for 2015/16 considered at meeting on 11 November 2014	

(11) Sickness Absence	Detailed progress against achievement of sickness absence targets reviewed on a six-monthly basis.	Half yearly progress reports for 2014/15 to be considered at meetings on November 2014 and March 2015.	
(12) ICT Strategy Progress	Progress against ICT Strategy considered on an annual basis each September.	Progress report to be considered at the 9 September 2014 and March 2015 meetings.	
(13) Key Performance Indicators – Commercial Premises	Went to Nov.14 meeting Comprehensive report on current performance against KPI 11 (Rent) and actions to improve performance	Report made to meeting on 11 November 2014 (Minute 44 – 11 March 2014 refers)	
(14) Call response/handling performance indicator	Report on options following introduction of new telephony system.	Report made to the 9 September 2014 meeting (Minute 42 – 11 March 2014 refers) - a further sample monitoring report to be brought to a future meeting.	
(15) Use/cost of Consultants	Report on value and benefit derived from the use of consultancy services across the Council services.	Report to be made to meeting during 2014/15 (minute 40 – 11 March 2014 refers)	

Task and Finish Panels

Scrutiny Panels Review Task and Finish Panel (Chairman – Cllr K Angold-Stephens) COMPLETED

Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress/Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
First meeting to define Terms of Reference held on 29 September 2014	Final Report by Feb 2015	Final Report to go to the February 2015 O&S Committee meeting.	29-Sept-2014 20-October-2014 25-November-2014 15-January-2015
(1) Agree terms of reference and scope of review;	Terms of reference and scope of review agreed by Panel (29 September 2014) and Overview & Scrutiny Committee (14 October 2014);	Achieved	
(2) Consider views of chairmen and vice-chairmen of existing scrutiny panels and the Audit & Governance Committee, and service directors/lead officers, on the operation of the current framework;	By October 2014;	Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of existing scrutiny panels and the Audit & Governance Committee invited to attend meeting on 20 October 2014. Discussions being held with service directors/lead officers for report to same meeting;	

(3) Review workloads of existing scrutiny panels;	By November 2014;	Terms of reference of existing scrutiny panels to be reviewed at 25 November 2014 meeting;	
(4) Consider report of options for future panel structure;	Options to be developed;	Options to be considered by the Panel in November 2014;	
(5) Undertake appropriate stakeholder consultation	Consultation to be held with all members and relevant stakeholders;	Consultation to be completed by January 2015;	
(6) Final proposals, including training requirements, to be considered by February 2015.	Introduction of preferred structure at the commencement of 2015/16 municipal year.	Report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee (10 February 2015) and Council (21 April 2015).	

Grant Aid Task and Finish Panel (Chairman – Cllr C P Pond)			
Item	Report Deadline / Priority	Progress/Comments	Programme of Future Meetings
First meeting to define Terms of Reference – still to be had.	Final Report by March 2015	Final Report to go to the March 2015 O&S Committee meeting.	1 st meeting held on 14 January 2015; 2 March 2015

**Youth Engagement Task and Finish Panel (Chairman – To be appointed)
2014/15**

Item	Report Deadline/Priority	Progress/Comments	Programme of Meetings
(1) Terms of reference, scoping report and work programme	Terms of reference and work programme to be considered at initial meeting and referred to Overview and Scrutiny Committee (27 April 2015) for adoption	Member nominations to membership of Panel still outstanding. Chairman and Vice-Chairman to be appointed at first meeting	To be arranged