

Report to the Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 19 November 2019



Subject: Voluntary Action Epping Forest - Scrutiny of External Organisation

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Committee undertake appropriate external scrutiny of Voluntary Action Epping Forest.

1. At a recent joint meeting, the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Committee and each of the select committees requested an opportunity to review the current work programme of Voluntary Action Epping Forest (VAEF), in light of the provision of funding support by the Council. This matter has therefore been added to the work programme for the Committee for 2019/20.
2. The Chair of Voluntary Action Epping Forest, Dr. Myrna Gilbert and Chief Officer, Ms. Jacqui Foile, will be attending the meeting to report to members in this regard.
3. The identification of relevant lines of questioning to be raised with VAEF has recently been sought from members through the Council Bulletin.

Resource Implications:

The recommendations of this report seek to enable scrutiny activity to more effectively meet work programme requirements.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities. Although external organisations are not generally required by legislation to attend before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is hoped that most would be willing to engage constructively with the Council's scrutiny activity when invited to do so.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

Consultation Undertaken:

The proposed scrutiny of VAEF was agreed at a joint meeting of the chairmen and vice-chairmen of the Committee and each of the select committees, held on 23 September 2019.

Background Papers:

None

Impact Assessments:***Risk Management***

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Equality:

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.