
REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 13 January 2015**

Main Portfolio Area: **All Portfolios**

By: **Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

Summary: **This report reviews the Overview and Scrutiny Panel work programme for 2014/15.**

For Decision

1.0 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 This report allows Members to review the Overview and Scrutiny Panel work programme agreed at the Annual Panel meeting on 21 October 2014.
- 1.2 The new and reconstituted working parties/task & finish groups were tasked with various assignments as defined by their respective terms of reference. It is hoped that the sub-groups would be reporting regularly at Panel meetings through this agenda item, any progress achieved to date.
- 1.3 Cabinet agreed that the Corporate Performance Review Working Party could consider the corporate performance reports before the report goes to Cabinet. The next such report will be going to Cabinet on 20 January 2015 and it will not be ready to be placed on the agenda until after 5 January 2015. This means that the sub-group can only meet in the week beginning 12 January, which is the same week as when the Panel meets. The Overview and Scrutiny Panel is being asked to consider delegating the authority to the working party to make recommendations on the corporate performance issues directly to Cabinet.
- 1.4 Advice is sought from Panel Members on how to progress the work of the QEQM Hospital A & E Review sub-group. The work appears to have stalled due to the lack of cooperation by the external agencies to undertake the review. Members may recall that this review project was set up in response to a petition that was referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel by full Council on 4 December 2014. The sub-group has met only once and subsequent meetings were going to depend on the cooperation of stakeholders who were invited to give evidence to the scrutiny process.

2.0 Notice of Request for Future Agenda Items

- 2.1 No notice has been received.

3.0 The Work Programme Table

3.1 The table is sub-divided in order to illustrate the suggested nature of the work involved:

- a) **Standing Working Party /Task & Finish Group** – a formal sub-committee which will report its findings back to the Panel for recommendation onto the executive.
- b) **Presentations** – these are presentations to the Panel that will allow the Panel to consider whether any further work should be undertaken and a specific item included in the Panel's work programme.
- c) **Status to be determined** – possible additions to the work programme. The Panel will need to decide whether to undertake work on them, and if so, how that work will be organised.

Table 1 – OSP Work Programme for 2014/15

Issue	Composition/ Members	Lead Officer	Comment	Status
Date of Establishment 01.10.09 Community Safety Partnership Working Party	Cllr Campbell (Chairman) Cllr Cohen Cllr K. Gregory Cllr Huxley Cllr King Cllr W. Scobie Cllr D. Saunders Cllr S. Tomlinson	Martyn Cassell; Jessica Bailey	The sub-group met on 20 November 2014 and received a multi-agency presentation on the 'Impact of drug and alcohol misuse for Thanet residents and criminality' and another from the Chairman of the Thanet CCG on 'The Role of Health Within Community Safety Partnerships.' They also considered a progress update report on the implementation of the current Community Safety Partnership Plan. Another meeting is scheduled for 22 January 2015.	On going
Date of Establishment: 28.05.08 Corporate Performance Review Working Party	Cllr Gideon (Chairman) Cllr Campbell Cllr I. Gregory Cllr Grove Cllr Matterface Thanet Independent Group (vacant)	Paul Cook Nicola Walker	A meeting will be arranged for mid-January 2015 to consider the corporate performance reports before that report goes to Cabinet on 20 January 2015.	On going
Date of Establishment: 29.05.12 Electoral Registration Process Review Working Party	Cllr Campbell Cllr Cohen Cllr K. Gregory Cllr Hornus Cllr W. Scobie	Glenn Back; Mark Avis	A meeting needs to be convened to review the implementation of Individual Electoral Registration, receive an update on the 2014 "transitional" canvass and consider key registration issues in the run-up to the May 2015 election	.On going
Date of Establishment: 14.01.14 QEQM Hospital A & E Task & Finish Group	Cllr Hornus (Chairman) Cllr Campbell Cllr Dwyer Cllr K. Gregory Cllr P. Moore Cllr King Cllr Wright	Penny Button	A way forward is still to be agreed with the Chairman in view of the difficulties faced by the sub-group to get the cooperation of the external agencies to take part in the review.	On going A meeting needs to be arranged to agree a way forward.

Issue	Composition/ Members	Lead Officer	Comment	Status
Date of Establishment: 23.04.13 TDC Artefacts Management Review Task & Finish Group	Cllr King (Chairman) Cllr M. Tomlinson Cllr Hornus Cllr Matterface Cllr Dwyer	Edwina Crowley; Kate Wilson	The council has received positive feedback from the Heritage Lottery Fund with regards to the submitted project enquiry form. Officers are presently reviewing the project in light of the HLF comments then proceeding with the TDC external funding protocol.	On going
Date of Establishment 27.05.14 Members' Planning Protocol Review Task & Finish Group	Cllr K Gregory (Chairman) Cllr Campbell Cllr Cohen Cllr Dwyer Cllr D Saunders	Peter Reilly Simon Thomas	A meeting will be arranged later in the year.	On going
Presentations				
13/14 Presentations by Portfolio Holders and Corporate Services Managers	N/A	All Portfolio Holders and Corporate Services Managers		
Watching Brief Items				
Pleasurama Site Development Review – Executive Decision Implementation	OSP	Mark Seed; Edwina Crowley	The OSP agreed to keep a watching brief on the issue as Cabinet implemented the decision agreed on 20 February 2014	OSP keeping a watching brief on the issue
Status to be determined				
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

3.0 Corporate Implications

3.1 Financial

3.1.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

3.2 Legal

3.2.1 There are no legal issues arising directly from this report.

3.3 Corporate

3.3.1 The work programme should help to deliver effective scrutiny. An active Scrutiny programme is part of good governance and will, ultimately, underpin the Council's use of resources assessment.

3.3.2 The Working Parties / Task and Finish Groups assist the work of scrutiny as they carry-out an in-depth study of any issue referred to the groups under their terms of reference.

3.4 Equalities

3.4.1 None directly but the Council needs to retain a strong focus and understanding on issues of diversity amongst the local community and ensure service delivery matches these.

4.0 Recommendations

4.1 That the Panel notes the report;

4.2 That the Panel agrees to delegate to the Corporate Performance Review Working Party, the authority to make recommendations on the corporate performance report directly to Cabinet.

5.0 Decision Making Process

5.1 Any decisions on the work programme can be taken by the Panel.

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Annex List

None	N/A
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	None

Corporate Consultation Undertaken

Finance	n/a
Legal	n/a