

## THANET BEACHES CONTAMINATION REVIEW TASK & FINISH GROUP TERMS OF REFERENCE AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

### A. TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### General

A Sub-Committee of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel established to review and scrutinise issues related to the collaborative working between Thanet District Council, Southern Water and the Environment Agency especially during emergencies.

#### Membership, Chairmanship and Quorum

Number of Members	8
Substitute Members Permitted	Yes
Political Balance Rules apply	No
Appointments/Removals from Office	By the Overview and Scrutiny Panel
Restrictions on Membership	Non Executive Members only
Restrictions on Chairmanship	None
Quorum	4
Number of ordinary meetings per Council Year	Meetings will be called as required and as reflected in the work programme below

#### Terms of Reference

1. Review the events in relation to the Southern Water sewage release incidents that occurred recently;
2. Review of the Southern Water and Thanet District Council emergency planning arrangements for managing similar incidents;
3. Review the collaborative working arrangements between Thanet District Council, Southern Water and the Environment Agency;
4. Gather evidence in relation to the impact of the sewage release from members of the public and businesses;
5. Make recommendations to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel on how the emergency plan can be made more robust and fit for purpose if appropriate;
6. Submit written interim and final reports with recommendations to the Overview and Scrutiny Panel.

#### Delegations

None

## **Notes**

This task & finish group was proposed for establishment in principle by the decision of the Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 17 July 2012. These terms of reference were approved by the Overview & Scrutiny Panel on 17 July 2012.