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

To: **Overview and Scrutiny Panel – 26 March 2015**

Main Portfolio Area: **All Portfolios**

By: **Democratic Services & Scrutiny Manager**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Ward: **All**

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

### **For Decision**

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#### **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 13 January 2015.
- 1.2 During this municipal year, the QEQM Hospital A & E Review sub-group only met once on 22 July 2014. The work of the sub-group stalled due to the lack of cooperation by the external agencies to undertake the review.
- 1.3 Since this review project was set up in response to a petition that was referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Panel by full Council on 3 December 2013, the Panel would need to consider reporting back to Full Council on the challenges faced in trying to undertake a scrutiny process on this issue and perhaps, offer recommendations for an alternative approach to addressing the issues raised by the petitioners..

#### **2.0 The Work Programme Table**

- 2.1 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**

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Composition/ Members</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Date of Establishment</b> <b>01.10.09</b> Community Safety Partnership Working Party	Cllr Campbell (Chairman) Cllr Cohen Cllr K. Gregory Cllr Huxley Cllr King Cllr D. Saunders Cllr S. Tomlinson Labour Group (vacant)	Martyn Cassell; Jessica Bailey	The sub-group met on 22 January and 3 March 2015. Members considered and recommended for adoption the Draft Community Safety Plan for 2015/16. The draft Plan is elsewhere on the agenda for this Panel meeting.	On going
<b>Date of Establishment:</b> <b>28.05.08</b> 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	The working party met on 9 March 2015 and received an update report from the Chairman of the Improvement Board, Acting CEx and Director of Corporate Resources. At the same meeting, Members also received a report on 'some thoughts about 'EK Services Performance, Emerging Vision and Thoughts on the Future' from the new Director of EK Services.	On going
<b>Date of Establishment:</b> <b>29.05.12</b> Electoral Registration Process Review Working Party	Cllr Campbell Cllr Cohen Cllr K. Gregory Cllr Hornus Cllr W. Scobie	Glenn Back	The sub-group has not met since being reconstituted in May 2014. 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
<b>Date of Establishment:</b> <b>14.01.14</b> 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.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Composition/ Members</b>	<b>Lead Officer</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b>Date of Establishment: 23.04.13</b> TDC Artefacts Management Review Task & Finish Group	Cllr King (Chairman) Cllr M. Tomlinson Cllr Hornus Cllr Matterface Cllr Dwyer	Louise Askew; Kate Wilson	The sub-group met on 4 February 2015 and received an update report from officers. They advised the meeting that although Council had received positive feedback from the Heritage Lottery Fund with regards to the submitted project enquiry form. Officers are still reviewing the project in light of the HLF comments then proceeding with the TDC external funding protocol.	On going
<b>Date of Establishment 27.05.14</b> Members' Planning Protocol Review Task & Finish Group	Cllr K Gregory (Chairman) Cllr Campbell Cllr Cohen Cllr Dwyer Cllr D Saunders	Simon Thomas	The sub-group is still to a follow-up up meeting to the one they had on 17 July 2014.	On going
<b>Presentations</b>				
13/14 Presentations by Portfolio Holders and Corporate Services Managers	N/A	All Portfolio Holders and Corporate Services Managers		
<b>Watching Brief Items</b>				
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
<b>Status to be determined</b>				
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 Members guidance is sought regarding how to progress the work of the QEQM Hospital A&E Review Task & Finish Group.

### 5.0 Decision Making Process

- 5.1 Any decisions on the work programme can be taken by the Overview & Scrutiny 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