

REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016/17

Overview and Scrutiny Panel **25 April 2017**

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Status **For Decision**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Key Decision **No**

Ward: **Thanet Wide**

Executive Summary:

The purpose of this report is to update Panel Members on the progress regarding the work of the Panel, most of which is undertaken through three working parties. This report reviews the work programme for 2016/17.

Recommendation(s):

1. Members are requested to note the report.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report. However, if Cabinet agree any other recommendations other than those mentioned within the body of this report there could be financial implications for the council in that any further commitment for Thanet District Council to provide funding will require the identification of a suitable funding source.
Legal	There are no legal issues arising directly from this report.
Corporate	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.
Equalities Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	<p>Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to the aims of the Duty at the time the decision is taken. The aims of the Duty are: (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it, and (iii) foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <p>Protected characteristics: age, gender, disability, race, sexual orientation, gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p>

	Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.	
	Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,	✓
	Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it	
	Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.	✓
There no equity and equalities issues arising directly from this report 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. It should also be noted that a review to be conducted by one of the working parties focuses on protecting vulnerable individuals of the local community from violence.		

CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

CORPORATE VALUES (tick those relevant)✓	
Delivering value for money	✓
Supporting the Workforce	
Promoting open communications	✓

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 24 May 2016. The Panel reconstituted the Community Safety Partnership Working Party, Corporate Performance Review Working Party and Electoral Registration Process Review Working Party. This is an update of the work programme since the previous meeting held on 14 February 2017.
- 1.2 Table 1 in Annex 1, highlights some of the key agenda items for future Overview & Scrutiny Panel meetings for 2017/18. The items are sourced from the Forward Plan, Table 2 shares brief progress comments for each sub group are in subsequent.
- 1.3 Annex 2 provides information on the current scrutiny reviews. Chairmen and members of the working parties could provide additional comments during the debate of this item at the Panel meeting.
- 1.4 Annex 3 reflects the current priority table for proposed scrutiny review topics.

2.0 Community Safety Partnership Working Party

- 2.1 The working party has met twice since the last time the panel considered a work programme report. They met on 06 February to consider an officer report on "Anti-Social Behaviour tools and powers usage in Thanet" and again on the 27 March to consider "Rough Sleeping in Thanet – issues relating to homelessness and antisocial behaviour".

3.0 Corporate Performance Review Working Party

- 3.1 The sub group met on the 14 February where it discussed the Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report, the East Kent Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report and the East Kent Quarter 3 Corporate Performance Report.

4.0 Dreamland Working Group

- 4.1 The Panel set up the Dreamland Working in response to the report that was presented to the Members on 13 December 2016.
- 4.2 The sub group met on 13 March where the group discussed the post Implementation Review of Dreamland Phase One - Lessons Learned.
- 4.3 The working group would continue to work towards completing the review within four meetings before reporting to the Panel, the next meeting being the third of four.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Sub group activities and key agenda items updates
Annex 2	Current scrutiny reviews
Annex 3	Priority Table for proposed scrutiny reviews

Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

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