

REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2017/18

Overview and Scrutiny Panel **21 November 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 2017/18 and suggests a time limited work stream on reviewing proposals in the draft Local Plan.

Recommendation(s):

Members are requested to comment and thereafter 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.
Equality Act 2010 & Public Sector Equality Duty	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. 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.

	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 Panel meeting on 24 October 2017. The Panel's current work programme is made up of the Community Safety Partnership Working Party, Corporate Performance Review Working Party and OSP Local Plan Working Group. This report provides an update of the work programme since the previous meeting.
- 1.2 Chairmen and members of the working parties could provide additional comments during the debate of this item at the Panel meeting.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Annex 2 provides information on the current scrutiny reviews. Currently there are no scrutiny reviews being conducted by the Panel. 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 not met since the October Panel. A meeting is being planned where one of the agenda items would be an update report by Kent Police regarding the impact of policing in parts of Ramsgate and Margate that were experiencing youth crime.

3.0 Corporate Performance Review Working Party

- 3.1 The sub group is scheduled to meet on 13 November to consider Quarter 2 performance reports for Thanet District Council, East Kent Housing and East Kent Services.

4.0 Reviewing the Draft Local Plan – pre decision scrutiny

4.1 The OSP Local Plan Working Group received three times on 31 October, 02 November and 07 November for briefing sessions whereby officers provided information and made clarifications on a number of queries members had regarding proposals in the draft Local Plan documents.

4.2 To give structure to the review process, Members reviewed the proposals using the following topics:

- Contextual information to the draft local plan and Housing;
- Employment & Economy;
- Infrastructure provision & Environmental Policy.

4.3 Officers also responded to key questions that were submitted ahead of each workshop session. It is now hoped that from the three sessions the working group will come up with a summary of recommendations to adopt at this Panel meeting.

5.0 Call-In of Cabinet Decisions

5.1 There were no valid call-ins made since the last meeting of the Panel.

6.0 Cabinet Presentations at OSP Meetings

6.1 At the previous meeting, the Panel received a presentation by the Leader of Council on an update on the proposals for the East Kent Merger and the implications arising from the decision by Cabinet not to pursuing that initiative further as a result of similar decision being made by the neighbouring local authorities.

6.2 This is reported in detail in the minutes elsewhere on the agenda. There were no portfolio holder presentations planned for this meeting as two cabinet members had been invited to be in attendance for discussions of the fees & charges and draft local Plan reports.

7.0 OSP Recommendations to Cabinet - Implementation Monitoring

7.1 There were no recommendations made by the Panel to Cabinet since the last meeting.

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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

Finance	
Legal	