

# ESTABLISHING THE EXECUTIVE, POLICY & COMMUNITY SAFETY SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19

Executive, Policy & Community  
Safety Scrutiny Panel

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Development**

Status

**For Decision**

Classification:

**Unrestricted**

Key Decision

**No**

Ward:

**Thanet Wide**

## **Executive Summary:**

This report sets out possible activities of the Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel for 2018/19 and asks the Panel to determine the priority areas of work for the new municipal year.

## **Recommendations:**

1. With reference to Annex 1 of the report, Members are requested to agree the Panel's work programme for 2018/19.

## **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

<b>Financial and Value for Money</b>	There are no financial implications arising directly from this report but elements of the suggested work programme may have financial and resource implications.
<b>Legal</b>	There are no legal issues arising directly from this report. However a robust scrutiny function that is set up in a positive critical friend environment effective decision making and policy development.
<b>Corporate</b>	<p>The work programme should help to deliver effective policy decision making by scrutinising executive decisions before, and at times after, implementation.</p> <p>The sub-committees assist the work of scrutiny as they would carry-out an in-depth study of any issue referred to the groups under their terms of reference. An active Scrutiny programme is part of good governance.</p>

<p><b>Equality Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b></p>	<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 &amp; maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage &amp; civil partnership.</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="432 640 1401 987"> <tr> <td colspan="2">Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</td> <td style="text-align: center;">✓</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>No implications arise 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.</p> <p>It is important to be aware of the Council's responsibility under the Public Sector Equality Duty (PSED) and show evidence that due consideration had been given to the equalities impact that may be brought upon communities by the decisions made by Council.</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.	
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<b>CORPORATE PRIORITIES (tick those relevant)✓</b>	
A clean and welcoming Environment	
Promoting inward investment and job creation	
Supporting neighbourhoods	✓

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

## 1.0 Introduction and Background

1.1 This paper allows the Panel to establish and agree the work programme for 2018/19. In scoping out its work, the Panel may wish to consider any outstanding work from 2017/18.

- 1.2 In 2017/18, the Panel's work programme was carried through two working parties, namely the Community Safety Working Party and Corporate Performance Review Working Party.
- 1.3 Almost all the work programme activities were conducted through Council officer and on occasion external agency officer presentations. This was in addition to standing officer support at the working party meetings to provide technical advice to Members during debate.

## **2.0 Draft Terms of reference of the Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel**

- 2.1 At Annual Council this May, Council agreed a new approach to the scrutiny function and established two scrutiny panels. This Panel was tasked to conduct scrutiny reviews on policy development, community safety matters and exercise the call-in function.
- 2.2 The purpose of this report is to assist the Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel to consider issues that fall within their remit that Member wish to add to the work programme for 2018/19. In so doing, reference should be made to the newly developed terms of reference that are attached as Annex 1 to the report.

## **3.0 Setting up the Work Programme for 2018/19**

- 3.1 The new Panel is expected to conduct all its business without recourse to setting up sub groups. This is because Democratic Services would be unable to resource additional work streams.
- 3.2 As the Panel responsible for scrutinising issues related to the community safety partnership, it is expected that this Panel should have a community safety partnership matter on its agenda at least once a year. This would include scrutinising proposals for the community safety partnership annual plan and reviewing the implementation of that plan through the annual report to be presented to Members.

## **4.0 Some outstanding issues from the previous municipal year**

### **Watching Brief Issue: Proposed re-organisation of East Kent health services by East Kent Hospitals University Foundation Trust (EKHUFT)**

- 4.1 The Leader of Council set up a QEQM Hospital Cabinet Advisory Group (CAG) on the subject and their first meeting was held on 21 April 2016. The sub group met again on 13 December 2016, and received further information on the public consultation before agreeing that officers submit a response on behalf of the Council. The CAG drafted responses to the consultation on Kent and Medway Sustainability and Transformation Plan. The consultation documents included the NHS Five Year Forward View
- 4.2 The Cabinet Advisory Group met again on 19 April 2018 and drafted the Council's response to the NHS public consultation on the proposed improvements to stroke services across Kent and Medway by creating three 24/7 hyper acute stroke units. The NHS suggested five locations for the new services from which three were going to be chosen. A questionnaire for the consultation was provided as the basis for responding to the survey, which the council sent back completed with the agreed responses.
- 4.3 The Panel may choose to stand down the watching brief since the Cabinet advisory group is effectively shadowing the NHS activities regarding proposed changes to health services delivery in Kent and Medway. Council would still be in a position to respond any further public consultation by the NHS/EKHUFT in 2018 on service models to

adopt. On previous occasions, indications had been made by the Thanet CCG and South Kent Coast CCG representative that the Cabinet Advisory Group would receive updates at key points in the critical paths of the consultation.

#### 4.4 The Panel needs to take a view of this issue.

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#### Annex List

Annex 1	Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel draft Work Programme 2018/19
Annex 2	Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel terms of reference

#### Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

#### Corporate Consultation

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