

FINANCE, BUDGET & PERFORMANCE SCRUTINY PANEL WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2018/19

Finance, Budget & Performance
Scrutiny Panel

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Portfolio Holder

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Status

For Decision

Classification:

Unrestricted

Key Decision

No

Ward:

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Executive Summary:

This report updates panel members on the work of the panel and sets out possible activities of the Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel for 2018/19.

Recommendations:

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 but elements of the suggested work programme may have financial and resource implications.
Legal	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.
Corporate	<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>
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,</p>

	<p>gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%;"> <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>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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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 paper allows the Panel to review and amend the the work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year.
- 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 and previous requests from Members.

2.0 Cabinet Presentations at OSP Meetings

- 2.1 The Panel had formally asked for a Cabinet Member presentation on the “financial and operational performance of the Ramsgate Port and Harbour”. It had been requested to take place at this meeting, however due to Officer annual leave commitments it was not possible to schedule the presentation for this meeting. The presentation has now been confirmed for the Panel’s next meeting on the 23 October.

3.0 One-off report on temporary accommodation costs

- 3.1 The Panel have also requested the costs to the Council of temporary accommodation, including a night by night cost breakdown. This report has also now been scheduled for the next meeting of the Panel on 23 October.

4.0 Fees and Charges

4.1 The 2019/20 fees and charges will be considered by this scrutiny panel at a future meeting, however the date has yet to be confirmed.

5.0 Call-In of Decisions

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

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Annex List

Annex 1	Finance, Budget & Performance draft Work Programme for 2018/19
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Background Papers

Title	Details of where to access copy
None	N/A

Corporate Consultation

Finance	Ramesh Prashar, Head of Financial Services
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer.