

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

Executive, Policy & Community
Safety Scrutiny Panel

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Status

For Decision

Classification:

Unrestricted

Key Decision

No

Ward:

Thanet Wide

Executive Summary:

This report updates panel members on the work of the panel and sets out possible activities of the Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel for 2018/19.

Recommendation(s):

1. Members are invited to comment and 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	The work programme should help to deliver effective policy decision making by scrutinising executive decisions before, and at times after, implementation.

Equality 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> <p>Please indicate which aim is relevant to the report.</p> <p>Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment, victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Act,</p> <p>Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it</p> <p>Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and people who do not share it.</p> <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>
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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 report allows Members to review the Executive Scrutiny Panel work programme agreed at the Panel meeting on 31 July 2018.
- 1.2 Panel members could provide additional comments during the debate of this item at the meeting. Table 1 in Annex 1, highlights some of the key agenda items for future Executive Scrutiny Panel meetings for 2018/19. The items are largely from the Forward Plan and some of the items are requested by Members during discussions at meetings.

- 1.3 The report would therefore provide the basis for debate by Members on on-going scrutiny activities and hopefully lead to sharing of views and ideas to enhance the Council's scrutiny function.
- 1.4 The Executive Scrutiny Panel established its work programme at the meeting on 31 July. The Panel was responsible for reviewing policy proposals developed by Cabinet as part of providing critical friend support to the work of the Executive.
- 1.5 The Panel would also scrutinise the performance of the Community Safety Partnership as well as any proposals that were on the Partnership's annual work programme.

2.0 Current Scrutiny Activities

- 2.1 Members for this Panel agreed to continue to engage Cabinet Members through Cabinet Member presentations at Panel meetings. This of course would be dependent on the availability of the portfolio holders. Democratic Services Officers had canvassed members for presentation topics.
- 2.2 The current work programme for the Panel for 2018/19 is attached as Annex 1 to the Council report. This schedule would be subject to amendments during the course of the year as Members added more items for reviewing. At the previous meeting, Members requested to receive a report on 'Asset Management – The Museums' and the Cabinet Member responsible for that area was invited to be in attendance to discuss the item, as detailed elsewhere in the agenda.
- 2.3 The Panel also requested that a progress report be presented on the performance of the Public Spaces Protection Order No. 3 (Anti-Social Behaviour) (PSPO) after a six months implementation period. Members requested that the Order be reviewed at the Panel meeting on 31 January 2019. This item has therefore been added to the work programme as reflected in Annex 1 to the report and would be reported on as per the agreed timescale.
- 2.4 During the course of the year the Panel would receive reports on Annual Crime & Disorder Partnership Report for 2018/19, Crime Statistics for Thanet and Proposals for Crime & Disorder Partnership Annual Work Programme for 2019/20. The Panel activities are detailed in Annex 1 to the report.

3.0 Call-in of Executive decisions

- 3.1 Under the new scrutiny arrangements, the Executive Scrutiny Panel is responsible for all call-ins of executive decisions. At the time of producing this report, there were no call-ins that had been made the Panel.

4.0 Panel Recommendations to Cabinet - Implementation Monitoring

- 4.1 There were no presentations made to cabinet that were either awaiting final decision or implementation.

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Annex List

Annex 1	Executive, Policy & Community Safety Scrutiny Panel Work Programme 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 & Procurement
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer