

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

Executive, Policy & Community
Safety Scrutiny Panel **13 November 2018**

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Status **For Information**

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 discuss 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 27 September 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 provides the framework 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.

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 At the September meeting, the Panel received a report on 'Asset Management – The Museums' and engaged the Cabinet Member for Financial Services and Estates in discussion. Out of that discussion the Panel made the following recommendations:

Before making a decision on the assets, Cabinet was asked to consider the following courses of action:

1. Fully investigate the full legalities and history of the buildings;
2. Establish when the £50k funds bequeathed to Dickens House would be made available to be used for the maintenance of the Museum and whether TDC had the right to dispose of the building.

- 2.3 Cabinet considered the Panel recommendations at the October meeting and agreed to address the Panel recommendations during the disposal process as detailed in section 4 of 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 In response to the Panel recommendations regarding the 'Asset Management – The Museums' Cabinet agreed at their meeting on 18 October 2018 to address concerns raised in the recommendations in section 2.2 of the report; should Cabinet decide to proceed and agree to the marketing of the properties as part of the stage 1 of the disposals process.

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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	Matt Sanham, Financial Services Manager
Legal	