

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

Finance, Budget & Performance  
Scrutiny Panel

**14 February 2019**

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Portfolio Holder

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Governance & Coastal Development**

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 Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel for 2018/19.

## **Recommendations:**

Members are requested to comment and thereafter note the report.

## **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>
<b>Equalities Act 2010 &amp; Public Sector Equality Duty</b>	<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, sex, disability, race, sexual orientation,</p>

	gender reassignment, religion or belief and pregnancy & maternity. Only aim (i) of the Duty applies to Marriage & civil partnership.								
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	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.								
	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.								

<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 review and amend the work programme for the 2018/19 municipal year agreed at the meeting on 24 January 2019.
- 1.2 This meeting being too close to the one held last month, meant that there was not much to report on in-between these two meetings.
- 1.3 Table 1 in Annex 1, highlights some of the key agenda items for future Finance, Budget & Performance Scrutiny Panel meetings for 2018/19. The items are sourced from the Forward Plan and previous requests from Members.

## 2.0 Cabinet Presentations at OSP Meetings

- 2.1 This Panel meeting was too close to the January one and there was little lead time to invite a portfolio holder to make a presentation.

## 3.0 Council Budget for 2019/20

- 3.1 The Panel considered proposals for the 2019/20 Council Budget at last month's meeting. The key points of the debate included options for tackling the budget deficit, particularly the one associated with the Port of Ramsgate and the Council's contributions to the Parkway Station project.

3.2 After some extensive debate which included asking questions of the Leader of Council and the Cabinet Member for Financial Services & Estates, no recommendations were forwarded to Cabinet.

#### **4.0 Quarterly Performance Report Q3 2018/19**

4.1 This item is reported in more detail elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting.

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#### **Annex List**

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

<b>Title</b>	<b>Details of where to access copy</b>
None	N/A

#### **Corporate Consultation**

Finance	Matt Sanham, Interim Head of Financial Services & Procurement
Legal	Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance & Monitoring Officer