

Work Programme 2013/14

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	TIMING/UPDATE ON PROGRESS
Housing and Older People			
Impact of the new Housing Strategy on the Housing Service	Consider how the housing service is responding to changes as a result of the implementation of the new Housing Strategy	Progress report to Panel	2013/14
As above for older people	Consider how we can best work with partner organisations to ensure support and service provision for older people in the Forest is provided to a high level and that meets resident's aspirations	Awaiting outcome of discussions with Executive Director	2013/14
Empty Homes	To review the number of empty homes within the District and the progress of Housing Officers in bringing them back into use	Report	September 2013
Changes to the benefits system/spare room subsidy and universal credit	To examine how the changes to the benefits system/spare room subsidy has impacted on low income families and housing tenants. Same for universal credit.	Possible joint meeting with the Corporate Overview Panel. Initial officer report to Panel then detailed report in 18 months examining universal credit	March 2014 (initial investigation) September 2014 (to examine universal credit)
Tenancy and Allocation Strategies	Consider whether strategy still fit for purpose	Report to Panel	November 2014
Crime and Disorder			
Joint meeting with the Community Safety Partnership	To fulfil our statutory duty	Invite representatives of the Community Safety Partnership to the Panel's ordinary meeting	June 2013
Crime and Disorder Partnership - Strategic Assessment	Review and understand the crime profile of the District and look at what the Council could do on the priorities	Report/presentation to full Panel	June 2013

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Crime & Disorder continued			
Police Reform & Social Responsibility Act 2011/Police Crime Commissioner Role	To consider impact of the Act on Community Safety and the responsibilities of the new Police & Crime Commissioner	Presentation/report to Panel	June 2013
Car Crime & Metal Theft	Examine the level of car crime & metal theft in the District and the work to tackle this	Report	June 2013
Drug & Alcohol and its relation to Crime and Disorder	To investigate drug & alcohol misuse in the District and the impact on crime & disorder levels in the New Forest	Presentation from the Drugs Officer. Open meeting to all members of the Council	November 2013
Reoffending Rates in the District	To examine strategies to reduce reoffending rates in the District	Report	March 2014
Public Health			
Legislative changes to the NHS and the formation of the County and District Health and Wellbeing Panels		Consider once legislative changes known.	September 2013
Emergency Planning/Safety Advisory Group	To examine the Council's statutory duties in relation to emergency planning and the remit of Safety Advisory Groups	Joint meeting with the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Panel	TBC
Children and Young People			
Child poverty and the provision for children and young people	To examine child poverty and deprivation in the New Forest and the services available for young people in the District	Report with discussions with specialists	January 2014

Leisure			
Dibden Golf Centre	Monitor/review the progress of Mytime Active a year on from taking over operations	Task & Finish Working Group	September 2013
Interim Review of Health & Leisure Centres	Examine how well the centres are contributing to the wellbeing of the District	Interim report (with detailed report to follow in January 2014)	September 2013/January 2014
Health			
Sexual Health Services in the New Forest	To investigate sexual health in the New Forest including prevalence rates, treatments and access to services	Panel report to include views of Health and Wellbeing Board and discussion with Public Health Officer	November 2013

Task & Finish Groups new and on-going: -

Community Alarms and Out of Hours

Dibden Golf Centre

Night Shelter

Armed Forces Community Covenant