COMMUNITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL - 18 MARCH 2014



WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

1. PURPOSE

1.1 This paper is for the Panel to review the content of its current work programme and discuss items for review for inclusion on the 2014/15 work programme.

2. WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to set its work programme for the next committee cycle 2014/15.
- 2.2 The current work programme is set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 In setting its work programme, the Panel should also decide, amongst other things, how it wishes to undertake the review, who should be invited to contribute, and the outcomes expected. The document attached at Appendix 2 might be of use in this regard.
- 2.4 Should the Panel wish to establish any task & finish groups, the Panel should be clear on the terms of reference, set clear objectives, outcomes and timescales, as well as agree the number of councillors needed to form the group.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 It is recommended that the Panel agree the content and timings of the 2014/15 work programme as set out in Appendix 1 to this report.

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Background Papers:

None.

Work Programme 2014/2015

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	TIMING/UPDATE ON PROGRESS	
Housing				
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 to Panel	June 2014	
Tenancy and Allocation Policies	Consider the impact of the policies	Report to Panel	January 2015	
Crime and Disorder				
Reoffending Rates in the District	To examine strategies to reduce reoffending rates in the District	Report to Panel	March 2014	
Update on Community Alarms and CCTV following bringing the service in House	To monitor the progress of the service	Report to Panel	Unallocated	
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	Scope item following discussions with specialist at January's meeting.	March 2014	
Leisure				
No topics allocated				

Work programme selection criteria- "What benefits could result from the scrutiny review"

Selection criteria

- Scrutiny review likely to result in improvements for local people
- Topic falls within community/corporate priority
- Topic identified by partners of joint concern
- Topic represents key issue for public based on community consultation
- Service proposed is performing poorly or high level of dissatisfaction

Rejection critieria

- Topic already addressed
- Topic involves individual disciplinary or governance matter
- Proposed topic is unlikely to result in improvements for the council or community

Importance – how well a topic fits with the council's key aims and priorities **Impact** – likely potential impact of outcomes from a scrutiny investigation of the topic in terms of community benefit.

Identifying items for Scrutiny Work Programme

Scoring guide for priority grid Score	Indicator
Importance	No evidence that topic is related to the council's key
0	aims and priorities. Reject.
1	Some evidence that topic linked to council's key aims and priorities but only indirectly.
2	Good evidence linking topic to council's key aims but not to council's current priorities.
3	Good evidence linking topic to council's key aims and priorities.
4	Strong evidence linking topic to council's key aims and priorities.
Score	Indicator
Impact	No potential benefits likely to result. Reject,
0	
1	Minor potential benefits or benefits affecting only one ward/customer/client group
2	Minor potential benefits affecting two or more ward/customer/client groups or moderate potential benefits affecting only one ward/customer/client group
3	Moderate potential benefits affecting more than one ward/customer/client group or substantial potential benefits affecting one or more

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