

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Date and Time: THURSDAY, 10 MARCH 2016, AT 2.00 PM*

Place: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, APPLETREE COURT,
LYNDHURST

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

***Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme:**

- (a) immediately before the meeting starts, on items within the Panel's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
 - (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item.
- Speeches may not exceed three minutes. Anyone wishing to speak should contact the name and number shown above.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2016 as a correct record.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

4. PORTFOLIO HOLDERS' REPORTS

To receive an oral update from the Portfolio Holders for the Environment and for Planning and Transportation.

5. PLANNING POLICY UPDATE

To receive an oral update on progress.

6. AIR QUALITY

To receive a briefing that covers the following:

- Local Air Quality Management – Statutory responsibilities, air quality objectives etc .
- Where the New Forest is in terms on the National Air Quality objectives
- What actions are being taken in the New Forest to improve air quality
- The proposed revocation of the Totton Air Quality Management Area
- Future air quality developments both nationally and locally

7. HOUSEHOLD WASTE RECYCLING CENTRES

To receive an oral update with respect to the consultation by the County Council on proposals make savings against the cost of running the household waste recycling centres.

8. VISIT TO NATIONAL OCEANOGRAPHY CENTRE, SOUTHAMPTON

Following the visit to the Oceanography Centre on 17 February 2016, to discuss any issues arising.

9. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 1 - 6)

To review the work programme, in the light of the Corporate Plan, to guide the Panel's activities over the coming months.

10. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To:

Councillors:

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Mrs F Carpenter (Chairman)
Ms L C Ford (Vice-
Chairman)
P J Armstrong
Ms R Bellows
G R Blunden

A T Glass
J M Olliff-Cooper
D M S Poole
W S Rippon-Swaine
Mrs B J Thorne

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WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

1. PURPOSE

1.1 Members will be aware that they have decided to refresh their work programme. The current work programme is attached as Appendix 1. Members are invited to discuss items for scrutiny review for inclusion on the 2016/17 work programme.

2. SELECTING TOPICS

2.1 In order to prioritise topics, the Panel might wish to consider the Council's overall priorities as set out in the Corporate Plan 2016-2020.

2.2 The Council's priorities for 2016-2020 are set out below: -

Securing a better future for the people and place of the New Forest District by:

- Supporting local business to prosper for the benefit of the people within the community
- Assisting the wellbeing of the people who live and work within the District
- Protecting the special and unique local character of the New Forest District

To help support the achievement of this vision the priorities will be to:

- Help local business to grow and prosper
- Provide more homes for local people
- Deliver visible service outcomes that are valued by the people in the community
- Protecting the local character of the place

The delivery of these priorities will require that the Council's actions are:

- Underpinned by effective and efficient management of resources, specifically addressing the reduction in net expenditure required by the Medium Term Financial Plan to 2020.
- Developed through collaboration with the community and other local organisations

2.3 The Key Delivery Actions for 2016 falling within the Terms of Reference of this Panel are as follows: -

Review	Success Measure	Portfolio Responsibility
E.1 Local Plan Local plan consultation and draft submission for adoption	More homes Economic growth	Planning & Transportation
E.4 Building Control Service delivery review of the Building Control service. Consider the sustainability of the existing arrangements and assess alternatives such as multi-authority joint service provision or a joint (arm's length) local authority trading company	Lower costs More efficient and effective working	Planning & Transportation

G.2 Environmental Health To review all aspects of the delivery of Environmental Health functions (to include Environmental Protection and Commercial)	More efficient and effective working	Environment
O.1 Waste & Recycling - Determine strategy in line with the county wide Project Integra review - Review of bring sites to rationalise costs	Improved service delivery Lower costs More efficient and effective working	Environment
O.3 Pest Control Review of pest control to determine future strategy and operation	More efficient and effective working	Environment
O.5 Enforcement Activity (Streetscene) Identify opportunities for joining up enforcement activities of visible officers	Lower costs More efficient and effective working	Environment

2.4 The Panel might wish to consider the following contextual information when setting its work programme.

- Funding – the Council's budget has reduced by 15.8% since 2010, with a further reduction in Government funding of 11.7% from 2016.
- Local Plan – the likely increase in the planned housing numbers per annum from the current level target of 200.
- Demographics – an aging population with those aged 65 and over predicted to increase by 27,900 making up 37% of the population by 2037, an increase of 11% in this demographic.
- Organisational Change – the new Executive Management Team is in place. The Panel has two new Executive Heads reporting to it: Chris Elliott, Executive Head Economy, Housing and Planning and Colin Read, Executive Head of Operations. The Executive Heads will give guidance as to what priorities they have for their new departments/portfolio of work.

3. SCOPING A SCRUTINY REVIEW

3.1 Once the Panel has selected topics for inclusion on its work programme for the year, it needs to scope out how it wishes to scrutinise that topic. This should include which subjects will be covered, which headline questions will be asked, what sorts of evidence will be sought, if any witness/experts should be called and a timeline for scrutiny to be completed. Clear outcomes and recommendations should then be presented to the executive for consideration.

3.2 Should the Panel wish to establish any task & finish groups, the Panel should be clear on the terms of reference, set objectives, outcomes and timescales, as well as agree the number of councillors needed to form the group.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 It is recommended that the Panel review the work programme, as set out in Appendix 1 to this report, in the light of the corporate priorities and decide the content and scheduling of the 2016/17 work programme

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Background Papers:

None.

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WORK PROGRAMME

10 March 2016
Planning Policy Update (CJE)
Consultation of savings proposals for HWRCs (RB)
Review of Work Programme (All)
9 June 2016
Planning Policy Update (CJE)
15 September 2016
Planning Policy Update (CJE)
10 November 2016
Planning Policy Update (CJE)
12 January 2017
HECA Biannual report. (GB)
Planning Policy Update (CJE)
Not possible to timetable yet
Report of Kerbside Glass Collection Group on text messaging alerts and promotion (CR)
Report of Cemeteries - spaces/capacity/supply – group (CR)
Appoint Cemeteries Regulations Review Task and Finish Working Group (CR)
Report of Car Park Meters/Payment Options Working Group (CR)
Appoint Task and Finish Working Group to work on the Council's waste Management Strategy (CR)
Project Integra – Review of materials/plastics collected for Recycling (CR)
Implications of Regulations for Litter Picking on roads (CR)
Evaluation of effect of Council's Tree Management Strategy documents (CR)
Appoint task and finish group to look at fuel/emission efficient vehicles for the Council's fleet. (CR)
Flytipping – report on policy for complaints/ enforcement and priority assigned to it (CR)
Traffic Management Service (post HCC decisions on funding etc) (CE)
Coach tour of Planning sites. (CJE)
Tour of Project Integra Sites (CR)
Possibly initiate review of parking standards for residential development (CJE)
Nuisance – Policy on investigations and enforcement (joint with Community Panel) (CG/CR)

Review of Land Drainage Function (GB)
Report of Coastal Funding Task and Finish Group (SC)
Coastal Path – proposals being developed by Natural England (DB/SC)