

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL

Date and Time: THURSDAY, 9 MARCH 2017, 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 12 January 2017 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 any oral updates from the Portfolio Holders for the Environment and for Planning and Transportation.

5. HOME ENERGY CONSERVATION ACT (HECA) (REPORT TO FOLLOW)

To consider the biannual report to be submitted to the Government on performance on energy conservation in the District.

6. COASTAL FUNDING TASK AND FINISH GROUP

To receive an oral update on progress.

7. TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT SERVICE

To receive an oral update on progress in discussions with the County Council.

8. PLANNING POLICY UPDATE

To receive an oral update on progress.

9. CEMETERIES REGULATIONS REVIEW (REPORT TO FOLLOW)

To consider revised Regulations for the operation of the Council's Cemeteries and an updated scheme for the Registration of Masons and Funeral Directors.

10. BUILDING CONTROL SERVICE

To receive an oral update on the current position.

11. HOUSING WHITE PAPER

To brief Members on the Government's consultation White Paper.

**12. KEY ACTIONS AND SERVICE REVIEW PROGRAMME - UPDATE REPORT
(Pages 1 - 2)**

To consider progress to date.

13. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 3 - 4)

To agree the work programme to guide the Panel's activities over the coming months.

14. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To:

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

Councillors:

Mrs F Carpenter
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KEY ACTIONS AND SERVICE REVIEW PROGRAMME – UPDATE REPORT

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE

- 1.1 The corporate plan included a delivery plan which set out a number of key actions and reviews for 2016/17. The delivery plan was set out against the background of continued funding reductions.
- 1.2 This report provides an update on the work being undertaken and savings made, as part of the regular monitoring of the delivery plan.

2. KEY DELIVERY ACTIONS AND SERVICE REVIEWS

- 2.1 The table sets out key delivery actions and service reviews pertinent to the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel and provides progress updates where available.

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Service Review and Terms of Reference		Progress Update
E.1	Local Plan <i>Local plan consultation and draft submission for adoption</i>	Technical work progressing with a view to preparing and agreeing the Plan for Submission, with pre-submission period for representations in Autumn 2017. Content of Housing White Paper (expected February 2017) will need to be taken into account and will have significant implications for local planning policy formulation.
E.4	Building Control <i>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</i>	Alternative delivery models, including the possibility of a joint commercial venture, are being actively explored in partnership with other Hampshire local authorities. If this initiative does not prove to be satisfactory the Service will remain in house and a further review will be required.
G.2	Environmental Health <i>To review all aspects of the delivery of Environmental Health functions (to include Environmental Protection and Commercial)</i>	Proposed new structure went out for consultation on 30 January 2017. Formal report with consultation feedback to be presented to EMT week commencing 27 February with a view to interviewing to management roles in mid-March.
O.1	Waste & Recycling - <i>Determine strategy in line with the county wide Project Integra review</i> - <i>Review of bring sites to rationalise costs</i>	Still awaiting findings of Project Integra review which includes a cost analysis being undertaken to establish viability of retrofitting

		<p>Material Recovery Facilities to accept plastic pots, tubs and trays. Update due to HIOWLA Chief Executives on 31 March 2017.</p> <p>Work continues to be undertaken to plan the removal of the 80 plus bring sites in March/April 2017. Publicity to support this is ongoing with all sites being removed having notices on them and publicity on the Council's website and social media continuing.</p>
O.3	<p>Pest Control <i>Review of pest control to determine future strategy and operation</i></p>	<p>Phase 1 completed with transfer of staff and responsibilities to the Open Spaces service. Early changes have been made to simplify pricing and processes. A further, more fundamental, review is currently being scoped to be submitted to EMT March 2017.</p>
O.5	<p>Enforcement Activity (Streetscene) <i>Identify opportunities for joining up enforcement activities of visible officers</i></p>	<p>Following the initial review of staffing structure consideration is being given to a more fundamental approach to enforcement activities including the parking service. This is being scoped and will commence in 2016/17.</p>

2.2 Reviews will continue to be monitored and reported upon to ensure they are progressing and that objectives of the review are being met.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3.1 A clear focus of the reviews is continued financial responsibility with a view to easing funding pressures.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 That the Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel note the progress updates contained within this report.

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Background Papers

Key Action and Service Review Programme
Report – EMT June 2016
Our corporate plan 2016-2020 Delivery Plan
Cabinet Report Feb 2016

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WORK PROGRAMME

March 2017
HECA Biannual report. (RL)
Planning Policy Update (CJE/LE)
Coastal Funding Task and Finish Group – oral update on progress (SC)
Cemetery Regulations (CR/SJ)
Traffic Management Service (post HCC decisions on funding etc) (CJE)
Highways Maintenance Agreement with the County Council (CR)
Building Control – Alternative delivery models (CJE/DG/JB)
Progress report of service Reviews (RD)
June 2017
Tree Management Strategy – Review of operation (SJ)
Bring Bank Review – report of Task and Finish Group (RB)
Not possible to timetable yet
Report of Kerbside Glass Collection Group on text messaging alerts and promotion (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)
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)
Nuisance – Policy on investigations and enforcement (joint with Community Panel) (CG/CR)
Environmental Health – review of delivery of the environmental health functions (GO/JM)
Waste and recycling – developing strategy in line with the Project Integra review (CR/RB)
Enforcement Activity (Streetscene) – identifying opportunities for joining up enforcement activities of visible officers.(CR)

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