

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
<p>E.1 Local Plan</p> <p>Local plan consultation and draft submission for adoption</p>	<p>More homes Economic growth</p>	<p>Planning & Transportation</p>
<p>E.4 Building Control</p> <p>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</p>	<p>Lower costs More efficient and effective working</p>	<p>Planning & Transportation</p>

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.