

WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

1. PURPOSE

1.1 This paper is for the Panel to review the content of its current work programme (attached as Appendix 1) and discuss items for scrutiny review for inclusion on the 2016/17 work programme.

2. SELECTING TOPICS

2.1 Members, steered by the Chairman, and advised by Executive Heads, should select the topics the Panel wishes to scrutinise. 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: -

Secures 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 the Panel are as follows: -

Review	Success Measure	Portfolio Responsibility
<p>E 2. Housing Strategy <i>Review the delivery of affordable housing in terms of realistic aspirations of the Council and recent changes in the planning system.</i> <i>Assess the existing constraints and take into account the emerging new Government policy advice. Progress through the local plan review</i></p>	<p>More homes Economic growth</p>	<p>Housing & Communities</p>
<p>G.3 Community Safety <i>Review the Council’s involvement in community safety (having regard to the Council’s statutory responsibilities)</i></p>	<p>More streamlined, focused and meaningful outcomes</p>	<p>Housing & Communities</p>

O.2 Health & Leisure Centres <i>Set financial targets and scope service delivery review to challenge existing arrangements and maximise outcomes for the council and the customer in the longer term</i>	Lower costs More efficient and effective working	Health & Leisure
O.4 CCTV/Alarm Monitoring <i>Service delivery review to challenge existing arrangements and maximise outcomes for the council and the customer</i>	Lower costs More efficient and effective working	Housing & Communities

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

- Funding - Council's budget has reduced by 15.8% since 2010, a further reduction in Government funding of 11.7% from 2016.
- Local Plan - likely to be increase in the planned housing numbers per annum from the current level target of 200.
- Demographics – aging population with those aged 65 and over predicted to increase by 27,900 making up 37% of the population by 2037. Increase of 11% in this demographic.
- Organisational Change – new Executive Management Team in place. The Panel has three new Executive Heads reporting to it. Grainne O'Rourke, Executive Head of Governance & Regulations, Chris Elliott, Executive Head Economy, Housing & 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 SCUTINY 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.

Work Programme 2016/2017

ITEM	OBJECTIVE	METHOD	TIMING/UPDATE ON PROGRESS
HOUSING			
Armed Forces Community Covenant	To review the progress of the Community Covenant.	Task & Finish Group Report to Panel	As and when appropriate
Supporting People	To review the impact of the Supporting People regime.	Report to Panel	As and when appropriate
Welfare Reform	To review the transition to Universal Credit and impact on residents/tenants.	Report to Panel	As and when appropriate
CRIME & DISORDER			
CCTV Task & Finish Group	To consider the findings of the group.	Report to Panel	March 2016
Statutory Nuisance Task & Finish Group	To consider findings of the Group	Report to Panel	June 2016
Safer New Forest Partnership Plan	To consider inputting into the Plan	Report to Panel	To be considered
CHILDREN & YOUNG PEOPLE			
Child Poverty in the New Forest	Task & Finish Group	Findings and final recommendations	March 2016
HEALTH			
Progress of the Health & Wellbeing Board Action Plan	To review the progress of the current action plan	Report to Panel	June 2016

LEISURE			
Community Grants	To review the Community Grant applications and make recommendations to the Portfolio Holder	Report to Panel	January 2017

Current Task & Finish Groups

- Armed Forces Community Covenant (annual review)
- Child Poverty
- Dibden Golf Centre
- Statutory Nuisance
- CCTV