

Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday 16 November 2016

Subject: Scrutiny Committee - annual work programme 2016/17

Report of: Councillor Penny di Cara on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 5 September 2016 as set out below.

Further copies of the report to Scrutiny are available on request – please see end of this report. Copies may be seen on the Council’s website at: <http://democracy.eastbourne.gov.uk/ieDocHome.aspx?bcr=1>

The Council is recommended to:-

Approve the Scrutiny Committee’s annual work programme for 2016/17.

Minute Extract
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 5 September 2016

12. Scrutiny Annual Programme 2016/17.

The Committee considered the draft Scrutiny Annual Programme. Once agreed by the Committee, the programme would be considered by Full Council at its November meeting for approval.

It was proposed and agreed by the Committee to add an update on local and national housing issues, provisionally booked for the meeting on 5 December 2016 and a briefing on the Joint Waste Contract and recycling issues to the programme. In addition, it was requested by the Committee that consideration be given to organising a trip to a Recycling Centre.

There was one comment that the programme was insubstantial. The Assistant Director for Corporate Governance advised that items and issues discussed by the Scrutiny Committee are driven by the members via the Chair and Deputy Chair. Full advanced access to forthcoming key executive matters are made available through the Forward Plan of Key Decisions from which Scrutiny members can identify any subject matters in which they wish to input prior to cabinet consideration. All such information is available for inspection and discussion at the Scrutiny monthly planning meetings.

The Committee was also reminded that the quarterly performance reports were the key tools for members to identify any areas of service delivery concerns through the performance indicators, but

that it was important to give some advance notice of issues to be raised to ensure that the appropriate officers and/or portfolio holders were in attendance. The Committee was assured that all the relevant mechanisms were in place to enable Scrutiny Committee to have considerable freedom and flexibility in setting its agenda. However, it was also important, when considering potential major review work, to be clear as to the scope, justification, desired outcome and resource implications. An externally facilitated training session was held last year at a time agreed in advance by the Committee. This went into great detail with regard to selecting and scoping topics for review.

RESOLVED (By 5 votes to 1) That the Scrutiny Annual Programme for 2016-2017 be agreed, subject to the addition of an update on local and housing issues and briefing on the Joint Waste Contract and recycling issues, and submitted to full Council for approval.

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Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
5 September 2016					
Prior to Cte at 5.30pm	Housing Briefing	Information Item	Ian Fitzpatrick	None	To receive a presentation regarding the local and national housing issues
	Review of Corporate Plan performance 2010-2016 (incorporating the year-end for 2015/16)	Performance Review	Will Tompsett	None	
	Corporate Performance Quarter 1 performance 2016/17	Performance Review	Will Tompsett	None	Interactive Q&A using the Covalent Performance Management System, Members to submit questions in advance of the meeting.
	Annual Scrutiny Programme	Performance Review	Katie Maxwell	None	To agree annual programme for forth coming year

Date
10 October 2016 – Court Room
Annual Finance Seminar – Alan Osborne – Chief Finance Officer

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5 December 2016					
Prior to Cte at 5.30pm	Housing Briefing	Information Item	Ian Fitzpatrick	None	To receive a presentation regarding the local and national housing issues
	Corporate Performance Quarter 2 Snapshot	Performance Review	Will Tompsett	None	Interactive Q&A using the Covalent Performance Management System, Members to submit questions in advance of the meeting.
	Community Safety Partnership annual report	Performance Monitoring	Bob Gough		Update on year end progress

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30 January 2017					
Prior to Cte at 5.30pm	Recycling Briefing	Information Item	Ian Fitzpatrick / Sue Oliver	None	To receive a presentation regarding waste and recycling issues.
	A27 Review		Katie Maxwell	Clrs Belsey, Holt and Sabri	To consider the interim report regarding the A27 Review (prior to the release of options from HE in April 2017)
	Budget 2017/18 and Corporate Priorities		Alan Osborne	Clr Mattock	To consider and comment on Budget for 2017/18

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	Corporate Performance Quarter 3 Snapshot	Performance Review	Will Tompsett	None	Interactive Q&A using the Covalent Performance Management System, Members to submit questions in advance of the meeting.
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Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
5 June 2017 (tbc)					
	Corporate Performance Year End 16/17	Performance Review	Will Tompsett	None	Interactive Q&A using the Covalent Performance Management System, Members to submit questions in advance of the meeting.
	A27 Review		Katie Maxwell	Cllrs Belsey, Holt and Sabri	To consider the final report regarding the A27 Review.

Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
4 September 2017 (tbc)					
	Corporate Performance Qtr 1 Snapshot	Performance Review	Will Tompsett	None	Interactive Q&A using the Covalent Performance Management System, Members to submit questions in advance of the meeting.
	Annual Scrutiny Programme	Performance Review	Katie Maxwell	None	To agree annual programme for forth coming year.

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Date
9 October 2017 – Court Room (tbc)
Annual Finance Seminar – Alan Osborne – Chief Finance Officer

Agreed review for 2016/17

A27 – Purpose:

To engage as widely as possible in order to obtain current evidence and opinion as to the level of local demand for investment in and improvements to the section of the A27 east of Lewes.

Objective:

To collate the feedback received together with the overarching agreed findings of the Council for submission to Highways England during their forthcoming consultation exercise into the options for the proposed £75m investment scheme currently being considered.