

Meeting: Council

Date: Wednesday 18 November 2015

Subject: Scrutiny Committee - annual work programme 2015/16

Report of: Councillor Robert Smart on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee

The Council is asked to consider the minute and resolution of the Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 7 September 2015 as set out below.

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The Council is recommended to:-

Approve the Scrutiny Committee’s annual work programme, including suggested reviews, for 2015/16.

Minute Extract
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 7 September 2015

9. Scrutiny Annual Programme 2015/16.

The committee considered the draft Annual Programme, with particular reference to the additional items listed under ‘Suggested Reviews’

Safe Walking and Safe Cycling Strategies – Members requested that four members of the committee be recommended for the consultation on the Safe Walking strategy. The committee agreed that this request be communicated to East Sussex County Council at the earliest opportunity.

Safer Policing – The committee agreed the inclusion of this review as stated and requested that an invitation to attend the committee in December, be sent to the District Commander and Police Crime Commissioner advising of the intention to conduct a review (referred to above) and asking for a presentation on the rationale and priorities for the financial challenges that have been given to the police, outlining what sort/kind of police force is envisaged emerging from the new model, and finally, how this would impact on Policing in Eastbourne.

Towner – The committee agreed the inclusion of this review and requested that it follow the model of the Devonshire Park Review considered prior to this committee. In addition, the committee requested that the Deputy Chief Executive and Towner Curator be

invited as part of the preliminary presentations. The Towner Annual report and supporting background information would be provided in advance.

Highways England / A27 a presentation on the progress of the A27 improvements east of Lewes - The committee agreed the inclusion of this review. Members agreed that an investigation into the current situation should be undertaken by Councillor Holt in conjunction with the Local Democracy Officer, the results of which would inform the invitation to Highways England and Rupert Clubb, Director of Communities, Economy and Transport. It was likely that this item would be the subject of a special meeting in December 2015. The committee reserved the right to conduct a formal review subject to the outcome of the presentation on this item.

RESOLVED: 1) That the Local Democracy Officer write to East Sussex County Council informing of the request to be involved as an active stakeholder in the upcoming consultation on the future 'Safe Walking Strategy'.

2) That the Local Democracy Officer write to The Police Crime Commissioner, Sussex Police District Commander for Eastbourne advising of the intention to conduct a review (as detailed within the Annual Programme) and asking for a presentation on the rationale and priorities for the financial challenges that have been given to the police, outlining what sort/kind of police force is envisaged emerging from the new model, and finally, how this would impact on Policing in Eastbourne.

3) That the Towner Curator and Deputy Chief Executive be advised that the committee wish to review the performance of the current arrangements and future funding requirements of the Towner at the June 2016 meeting.

4) That The Local Democracy Officer in conjunction with Councillor Holt, investigate the current situation regarding the improvements to the A27 east of Lewes, the results of which would inform the invitation to Highways England and Rupert Clubb, Director of Communities, Economy and Transport to a future meeting of the Scrutiny Committee.

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Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
7 September 2015					
	Devonshire Park	Information Item	Graham Cook/ Philip Evans / Alan Osborne		Presentation on the development of Devonshire Park
	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

Date
12 October 2015 – Court Room
Annual Finance Seminar – Alan Osborne – Chief Finance Officer

Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
7 December 2015					
	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.

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	Community Safety Partnership annual report	Performance Monitoring	Bob Gough		Update on year end progress
	Update by the District Commander on progress of new Policing model	Information Item	Bob Gough / Emma Bryce / Katy Bourne		An invitation will be sent to the District Commander. The Chairman has also requested that the Police Crime Commissioner be invited. *See note at the end of the agenda.

Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
1 February 2016					
	Budget 2015/16 and Corporate Priorities		Alan Osborne	Cllr Mattock	To consider and comment on Budget for 2016/17
	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.
	Corporate Plan	Performance Monitoring			Presentation on the new Corporate Plan 2015-2020

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Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
February 2016 date to be confirmed					
	Highways Agency Presentation	Information Item			The Chair and Deputy Chair would like to invite the Highways Agency to attend and give a presentation on the progress of the A27 improvements east of Lewes.

Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
June 2016					
	Corporate Performance Year End	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 forthcoming year

Date	Item	Type	Lead Officer	Councillor	Purpose
September 2016					
	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.

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

Suggested Reviews

Safe Walking and Safe Cycling Strategies – Councillors have requested that they form part of the formal consultation when East Sussex County Council review the Eastbourne Cycling Strategy in quarter 3/quarter 4 of 2015/16 to include walking. The remit, form and timescale of this input is currently unknown and dependant on East Sussex County Council.

Safer Policing – To investigate the impact, if any, on policing in Eastbourne following a reduction in police funding by analysing the effectiveness of the new Police target operating model. Consideration will also be given to the implications of these reductions on joint working. The timescale for this review is dependent on the release of the TOM and therefore the committee will write to Giles York stating their concerns and their intent to review the new model at an appropriate time.

***December 2015** -The Chair and Deputy Chair have requested that an invitation to attend the committee in December, be sent to the District Commander and Police Crime Commissioner advising of the intention to conduct a review (referred to above) and asking for a presentation on the rationale and priorities for the financial challenges that have been given to the police, outlining what sort/kind of police force is envisaged emerging from the new model, and finally, how this would impact on Policing in Eastbourne.

Towner – To review the performance of the current arrangements and future funding requirements, the Chairman has requested that this be considered in June 2016.