

**Environment and Sustainable
Communities
Overview and Scrutiny
Committee**



8 July 2015

**Refresh of the Committee's work
programme 2015 - 16**

Report of Lorraine O'Donnell, Assistant Chief Executive

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To provide for Members' consideration an updated work programme for the Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny for 2015-2016.

Background

- 2 At the meeting on the 17 April 2015, the Committee considered the actions identified within the Council Plan 2015-2018 for the Altogether Greener priority theme and agreed to refresh its work programme to include a number of these actions. In addition, topics have also been identified that are in-line with the Council Plan, Cabinet's forward plan of key decisions, Sustainable Community Strategy, partnership plans and strategies, performance and budgetary control data and changes in Government legislation.

Detail

- 3 In accordance with this decision, a work programme for 2015-2016 has been prepared and attached in Appendix 2.
- 4 Members are also encouraged to identify an area for future Scrutiny investigation (in depth review) from the work programme.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Committee are asked to discuss and agree the new work programme as detailed for 2015-2016.

Background Paper(s)

Council Plan 2015-2018, Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee report-Refresh of the work programme-17 April, 2015.

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Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on the 18 March 2015, re the Council Plan and Service Plans 2015-2018)

Finance - The Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next 3 years. The Medium Term Financial Plan aligns revenue and capital investment to priorities within the Council Plan

Staffing - The Council's strategies are being aligned to achievement of the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Risk - Consideration of risk is a key element in the corporate and service planning framework with both the Council Plan and Service Plans containing sections on risk.

Equality and Diversity - Individual equality impact assessments have been prepared for each savings proposal within the Council Plan. The cumulative impact of all savings proposals in total has also been presented to Council and will be updated as savings proposals are further developed. In addition a full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions in the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the quality of life for those with protected characteristics. The Plan has been influenced by consultation and monitoring to include equality issues. There is no evidence of negative impact for particular groups.

Accommodation – The Council's Corporate Asset Management Plan is aligned to the corporate priorities contained within the Council Plan.

Crime and Disorder - The Altogether Safer section of the Council Plan sets out the Council's contributions to tackling crime and disorder.

Human Rights – None

Consultation - Council and partnership priorities have been developed following an analysis of available consultation data including an extensive consultation programme carried out as part of the development of the interim Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the budget. Results have been taken into account in developing our resourcing decisions.

Procurement – None

Disability Discrimination Act – None

Legal Implications – None