

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



8 July 2016

**Refresh of the Committee's work
programme 2016 - 17**

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 2016-2017.

Background

- 2 At the meeting on the 18 April 2016, 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 notice 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 2016-2017 has been prepared and attached in Appendix 2.
- 4 Members are encouraged to identify areas of scrutiny investigation (in depth and light touch reviews) from the work programme.

Recommendation

- 5 Members of the Committee are asked to discuss and agree the new work programme as detailed for 2016-2017.

Background Paper(s)

Council Plan 2015-2018, Environment and Sustainable Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee report-Refresh of the work programme-18 April, 2016.

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Appendix 1: Implications (The following implications are taken directly from the report to Cabinet on the 16 March 2016, re the Council Plan and Service Plans 2016-19)

FinanceThe Council Plan sets out the corporate priorities of the Council for the next three 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 undertaken in the preparation of the Council Plan and Service Plans.

Equality and diversity/Public Sector Equality Duty

A full impact assessment has previously been undertaken for the Council Plan. The actions underpinning the Council Plan include specific issues relating to equality and aim to improve the equality 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 Accommodation programme is a key corporate programme 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 Sustainable Community Strategy and this has been reaffirmed by subsequent consultation on the council's budget.

Procurement

None

Disability Issues

Accessibility issues are considered in the design of our planning document.

Legal Implications

None

<p>OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2016 TO 2017</p> <p>Environment & Sustainable Communities OSC</p> <p>Lead Officer: Tom Gorman</p> <p>Overview and Scrutiny Officer: Diane Close / Ann Whitton</p> <p>IPG contact: Alan Patrickson</p>	<p>Note: O/S Review - A systematic 6 monthly review of progress against recommendations/Action Plan</p> <p>Scrutiny/Working Group – Indepth Review</p> <p>Overview/progress – information on an issue; opportunity to comment, shape, influence, progress with a scrutiny review</p> <p>Performance – ongoing monitoring (quarterly) performance reports/budgets</p>
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	When	Who	Outcome	Comment
<i>O/S Review Updates</i>				
Flooding	Env OSC on 18 November 2016. Special meeting Feb 2017 TBC	John Reed	Members of the committee will receive an update on recommendations together with presentations from each of the Flood Risk Management Authorities for County Durham on current and future projects at a special meeting of the committee. .	The committee will monitor the progress made against the recommendations in the review report. Members will be aware of current and future flood mitigation projects planned for County Durham by the RMA's.
Woodlands	Env OSC 7 October 2016	Sue Mullinger (RED)	To provide members of ENV OSC with an update on progress made against the committee's recommendations.	The committee will monitor the progress made against the recommendations within the review report.
<i>Scrutiny/Working Group</i>				

Overview/Progress				
Air Quality Action Plan - Update	Env OSC 8 July 2016 and 6 March 2017 tbc	Denyse Holman	To provide members of the committee with an update.	Members will be aware of progress made on the action plan.
European Structural and investment Fund (ESIF) - Update	Env OSC 8 July 2016, 18 November, 2016 & 6 March 2017	Maggie Bosanquet (RED)	To provide members of the committee with updates in relation to the progress of EU funding.	Members will receive information in relation to the progress of ESIF projects.
Visit to Wild Flower Meadow and Wild Flower Planting on roundabouts	26 July 2016	Stuart Priestly/ Alan Patrickson/ Andrew Jackson	For members to see wild flower meadows and to see the planting schemes for roundabouts and road verges	Members will have an understanding of where the planting schemes are and future plans.
Waste Programme - Update	Env OSC 7 October 2016 & 24 January 2017	Alan Patrickson	To provide members of the committee with an update.	Members will receive information on the progress of the waste programme.
Winter Maintenance Policy – Update	7 October 2016	Brian Buckley/Brian Kitching	To provide members with an update on the winter maintenance programme looking back to 2015/16 and forward to 2016/17 – providing detail of proposed delivery and preparations in place.	Members will receive detail of the performance/delivery of the winter maintenance programme for 2015/16 including identifying how the programme had performed including any lessons learnt. Members will be aware of the plans for the proposed delivery of winter maintenance in 2016/17.
Visit to MRF	TBC	Alan Patrickson/	To provide members with a	Members will be able to view the material

		Jo Blackie	first-hand insight into recycling of materials in County Durham.	recycling facility at Washington which only accepts recycled waste from County Durham
Visit to Suez	TBC	Alan Patrickson/ Jo Blackie	To provide members with a first-hand view of what happens to municipal waste.	Members will be able to view the waste plant at Haverton Hill
Warm Up North - Update	Env 18 November, 2016.	Stuart Timmiss/Dianne Hedley (RED)	To provide members of the committee with an update of the project.	Members will receive information providing an update on the progress of the project together with take up.
Carbon Management Plan - Overview	Env OSC 18 November 2016	Maggie Bosanquet /Stephen Beresford (RED)	To provide members with an overview of the Carbon Management Plan.	Members will be aware of the Carbon Management Plan and current progress.
Climate Change Strategy & Delivery Plan - Update	Env OSC 24 January 2017	Maggie Bosanquet (RED)	To provide members of ENV OSC with progress made in relation to the delivery plan.	The committee will receive information relating to the climate change strategy and detail of progress made against actions identified in the delivery plan.
Community Action Team - Update	Env OSC 6 March 2016	Joanne Waller/Jennifer Jones	To provide members of the committee with an update	Members will receive an update in relation to current projects and progress made.
Environment Awards - Overview	13 April 2017	Steve Bhowmick	To provide members of the committee with information in relation to the Environment Awards	Members will receive information on criteria for the awards, successful projects in previous years, categories for the coming year and deadlines for submissions.
Schools & Environment	13 April 2017	Rich Hirst (CAS)	To provide members of the committee with information on environmental projects in schools	Members will receive an overview presentation on how schools are playing into environmental projects and schemes.
Performance Q 4 Q 1	8 July 2016 7 Oct 2016	Mary Readman		Ongoing – to provide members with information on performance of the service grouping and highlight areas of prominence

Q 2 Q 3	24 Jan 2017 13 April 2017			(those going well, and those giving cause for concern).
Budget Outturn Q 4 & Q1 Q 2 Q 3	7 Oct 2016 24 Jan 2017 13 April 2017	Phil Curran		Ongoing – highlight areas of concern. Committee to receive updates on the affects and implications of MTFP on service groupings