

DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2013

Thursday, 23 April 2013

Crime and Disorder – to meet in the Committee’s capacity as the Council’s Crime and Disorder Committee and: -

- receive a presentation from Sir Graham Bright, the Police and Crime Commissioner on his priorities for 2013/14;
- scrutinise the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership;
- consider the way in which Neighbourhood Policing Panels currently operate. Chief Inspector Darren Alderson will be in attendance at the meeting

To receive a report by the Leader of the Council – to include an update on the work that has taken place to address the recommendations of the Corporate Communications Scrutiny Review published in April 2013

To receive a report by the Planning Policy & Localism and Planning & Economic Development Portfolio Holders – to include an update on the work that has taken place to address the recommendations of the Planning Services Scrutiny Review published in June 2011

Service and finance performance (quarter four) – to receive an update on performance and highlight any areas significantly over or under performing

Draft Annual Scrutiny and Overview Report – to consider a draft of the Council’s Annual Scrutiny and Overview Report for 2012/13

Scrutiny Review Proposals – to consider any proposals for Scrutiny Reviews

Thursday, 4 July 2013

Mears Annual Report – to consider the Annual Report scheduled for publication in June. Representatives from Mears will be invited to attend this meeting and present the document

To receive a report by the Northstowe Portfolio Holder – to receive an update on issues relating to Northstowe

Items for scheduling:

- 12 month review of the new Customer Contact Centre (Launched 3 December 2012)
- Review of the refreshed Website (Launched 14 December 2012)
- Information and Communications Technology
- Planning administration
- Children and Young People Plan (due for consideration by Cabinet in September)
- Homelessness Strategy (due for consideration by Portfolio Holder in October)

SCRUTINY REVIEW ACTIVITY

ICT

A number of ICT related issues were raised at the informal meeting with Scrutiny and Overview Committee Members on 7 March. Members agreed to the following pieces of work which would act as a scoping exercise to inform the Committee how it may wish to pursue the undertaking of a Scrutiny Review: -

Informal Working Group

An informal work group has been established, consisting of Councillors Douglas de Lacey (Chairman), Alison Elcox, Lynda Harford and David Whiteman-Downes to discuss with officers the Council's strategic ICT provision with particular emphasis on the website and tendering processes.

Half-day informal meeting

Councillor Bridget Smith will be chairing an informal half-day meeting with Councillors Janet Lockwood, Ben Shelton and Bunty Waters and officers to look into the issue of redundant ICT equipment.

Both of these meetings will contribute to a full scoping of any proposed Scrutiny Review, which will be submitted to the full Scrutiny and Overview Committee for consideration.

IT support to Members was an issue that needed scrutinising in due course, but would not feature as part of the above pieces of work at this time.

SOUTH CAMBS MAGAZINE

The delivery, content and production of the magazine were issues identified at the informal meeting on 7 March that Members felt could be the subject of a future Scrutiny Review.