

Report on the draft work programme

Purpose of report

1. To present and seek endorsement the draft work programme.

Background

2. At its meeting on 23 May 2013 the Management Committee endorsed the inclusion of the legacy items put forward by the Environment Select Committee. These included the continuation of the work of the Task Groups in respect of waste, the Community Infrastructure Levy and Air Quality; the latter being a joint committee with the Health Select Committee. It also included the formation of a new task group looking at the delivery of affordable estates.
3. At the same meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the individual select committees were asked to hold early discussions with cabinet members and portfolio holders to gain a more informed understanding of executive priorities. To that end, Cllrs Hill and Edge held individual meetings with the following cabinet members who indicated their work priorities with suggestions for possible scrutiny involvement:

Cllr de Rhé-Philipe, cabinet member for economy, skills and transport;
Cllr Sturgis, cabinet member for strategic planning, development management, strategic housing, property, waste;
Cllr Thomson, cabinet member for highways and streetscene and broadband
4. Consideration was also to be given to those topics raised by members at the Councillor Induction session.

Work Programme

5. In line with the recommendation made at the Management Committee meeting on 8 October, the Chairman met with the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Management Committee to discuss priorities and options with a view to developing an initial draft single overview and scrutiny work programme.
6. At the meeting the legacy topics as well as the suggestions from cabinet members and the councillor induction session were discussed and the topics are summarised below.

Legacy items:

- Waste Task Group
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Task Group
- Adoptable Estates Task Group
- Air Quality Task Group (joint with Health Select Committee)

Meetings with executive members:Cllr De Rhé-Philippe

- Swindon and Wiltshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)

Cllr Sturgis

- Waste contract (Task Group already in existence)

Cllr Thomson

- Investing in highways
- Parking Review
- Bedding in of BBLP contract
- 20mph policy
- Speedwatch

Councillor Induction Session

- Litter and dog fouling collection
- Green Space Management
- Sports Pitches
- Impact of developments on ground drainage
- Availability of affordable housing
- Public transport in rural areas
- Affordable transport for post-16 students
- Improving and maintaining roads and pavements

7. Discussions on the above topics took into account priorities, approaches, options, capacity and resources and, in particular, the priorities contained within the Business Plan.

8. The LEP will be considered in the first instance by the Management Committee.
9. The Committee is required to scrutinise the Council's local flood risk management and it has been agreed that this will be by way of review of the Flood Plan.
10. After discussion, the following topics were identified as priorities for the Committee and, as such, are presented as the draft work programme for the Committee. Timetabling of the topics has yet to be finalised.

Waste

Community Infrastructure Levy

Investing in highways

Parking review

Speedwatch

Adoptable estates

Air Quality (joint with Health Select Committee)

Review of Flood Plan

Proposal

11. To approve the topics in paragraph 10 as the draft work programme for the Committee and to refer them to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee for endorsement.

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