

Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Agenda
Item:

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Meeting Date: 15 June 2017
Portfolio: Cross Cutting
Key Decision: No
Within Policy and
Budget Framework
Public / Private Public

Title: OVERVIEW REPORT AND WORK PROGRAMME
Report of: Overview and Scrutiny Officer
Report Number: OS 14/17

Summary:

This report provides an overview of matters related to the Environment and Economy O&S Panel's work. It also includes the latest version of the work programme.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Note the items (within Panel remit) on the most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions
- Note and/or amend the Panel's work programme

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Appendices attached
to report:

1. Environment and Economy O&S Panel Work Programme
2017/18

1. Notice of Key Executive Decisions

The most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions was published on 5th May 2017. This was circulated to all Members. The following items fall within the remit of this Panel:

Items which have been included in the Panel's Work Programme:

None.

Items which have not been included in the Panel's Work Programme:

KD.13/17 England's Heritage Cities: Discover England Fund Round 2

2. References from the Executive

There are no references from the Executive 8th May 2017.

3. Work Programme

The Panel's current work programme is attached at **Appendix 1**. At present, this comprises mostly items for this meeting and the next one on 20th July.

It is proposed that Directors and Portfolio Holders be invited to the next meeting of the Panel, on 20th July to aid the Panel in defining their work programme for the year. Some possible areas of focus in the work programme will be included in the Overview Report for that meeting. As ever, it is important to stress that Scrutiny is a Member-led function and that the work programme items are chosen by Members themselves.

4. Training

As Members will be aware from the Scrutiny Annual Report, there is to be a renewed focus on effective member-led and policy focussed scrutiny this civic year. To assist with this, two training sessions are to be provided by Tim Young from the LGiU – Tim provided some very well-received scrutiny training here earlier this year and will return to provide these two sessions on **Tuesday 27th June 2017**. Members should contact Linda Mattinson to book themselves on either (or both) of these sessions.

BEING AN EFFECTIVE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY CHAIR

This workshop is aimed at being a refresher course for existing Chairs and Vice Chairs of Overview & Scrutiny Panels but will also be open to other Overview & Scrutiny Members who are interested in these skills.

The course will cover the practical aspects of chairing a panel along with key skills, approaches and tactics to help ensure that your panel is effective and engaged

Time: 27/06/17: 2.00pm to 5.00pm Venue: Committee Room B/C

Trainer: Tim Young, LGiU Associate

BEING AN EFFECTIVE 'CRITICAL FRIEND' – IMPROVING YOUR QUESTIONING SKILLS

As we know, scrutiny is all about robust and confident questioning – this session will help scrutiny Members enhance their questioning skills.

It will cover preparing for questioning, different strategies for questioning and a real world exercise to help develop your skills.

Time: 27/06/17: 5.30pm to 8.30pm Venue: Committee Room B/C

Trainer: Tim Young, LGiU Associate

NB. A buffet will be provided at 5.00 pm for all those attending either session.

Note: in compliance with section 100d of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 the report has been prepared in part from the following papers: None

Appendix 1 – Environment and Economy Overview and Scrutiny Panel Work Programme

Issue	Contact Officer	Type of Scrutiny						Comments/status	Meeting Dates							
		Performance Management	Key decision Item/Referred from Executive	Policy Review/Development	Scrutiny of Partnership/ External Agency	Budget	Monitoring		15 Jun 17	27 Jul 17	07 Sep 17	19 Oct 17	30 Nov 17	18 Jan 18	01 Mar 18	05 Apr 18
FUTURE ITEMS																
Borderlands Report Jane Meek			✓				Possible agenda item to consider next steps for Borderlands		?							
Tourist Information Centre Gavin Capstick						✓	Business Plan and Marketing Plan			?						
Economic Strategy Jane Meek			✓				Draft Economic Strategy to be considered		?							
Update on Keep Carlisle Clean Colin Bowley	✓					✓	6 monthly update. Sept report to include draft PCPO and Enforcement Strategy			✓						
Tourist Information Centre Gavin Capstick						✓	Business Plan and Marketing Plan			?						
Rethinking Waste Project Colin Bowley						✓	Update on progress against objectives 6 months from launch					✓				

