

Community Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Agenda
Item:
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Meeting Date: 15th January 2015
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 31/14

Summary:

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

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:

- Decide whether the items on the Notice of Key Executive Decisions should be included in the Panel's Work Programme for consideration.
- Note and/or amend the Panel's work programme

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Appendices attached
to report:

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1. Community O&S Panel Work Programme 2014/15

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1. Notice of Key Executive Decisions

The most recent Notice of Key Executive Decisions will be published on 15th December 2014 and was circulated to all Members. The following items fall into the remit of this Panel:

- KD 22/14 **Tullie House Business Plan** – considered at the meeting of the Panel on 25th November 2014.
- KD23/14 **Carlisle Homelessness Strategy** – on the agenda of this Panel.
- KD25/14 **Budget Process 2015/16** – considered at the meeting of the Panel on 25th November 2014.
- KD.30/14 **Carlisle Plan** - the draft Carlisle Plan will be consider by the Executive on 14th January and 7th April and will be available for the Panel to consider at its meeting on 12th March 2015.

2. References from the Executive

The Executive met on 9th and 15th December 2014 and considered the following items within the remit of this panel:

- EX.135/14 – Budget 2015/16 – Feedback from the Overview and Scrutiny Panels on the draft Budget reports
- EX.138/14 – Charges Reviews
- EX.140/14 – Tullie House Business Plan 2015-2018

3. Facilitated Session for Scrutiny Members

The LGA Future Council Review which took place in September 2014 suggested that it was timely to review the Council's scrutiny arrangements to make better use of members' skills and interests and provide a greater focus on council priorities.

The Scrutiny Chairs Group considered how this should be addressed at their meeting on 4th November 2014 and agreed that a facilitated discussion be arranged for scrutiny members of the Council. The Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS) have been appointed to facilitate and the session will cover the following:

- The role and function of scrutiny. This will look at the potential for scrutiny to effect meaningful change, scrutiny's powers and responsibilities, and how it can contribute to ensuring that decision-making occurs with speed and pace, without sacrificing on effective reflection and challenge as an integral part of the decision-making process. It will look at the respective role of scrutiny and policy commissions, and the impact of party politics on scrutiny.
- The resources to carry out this role. This will look at members' capacity and capability, and members' skills, and the skills and capacity of the officers supporting them throughout the council.
- The structures to support the role within the resources available. What is the best approach?

This will be held on **Thursday 12th February 2015** (timings to be confirmed shortly). More information will be sent to Members and it is requested that in the meantime you pencil this date in your diary.

4. Work Programme

The Panel's current work programme is attached at **Appendix 1** for comment/amendment.

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

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CURRENT MEETING - 25th November 2014															
Homelessness			✓				Jan- draft strategy				✓		✓		
TASK AND FINISH GROUPS															
Asset Based Community Development							Scoping Review				✓				
Hate Crime			✓				Monitoring of implementation of recommendations	✓							
FUTURE MEETINGS															
Performance Monitoring Reports	✓						Reporting of performance relevant to remit of Panel	✓		✓		✓		✓	
Community Safety Partnership	✓		✓				To consider Strategic Assessment 2014 & Partnership Plan 2015/16					?		?	
Children & Young People							Panel meeting devoted to							✓	

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Play Area Review							C&YP issues - agenda to be determined							✓	
Riverside Carlisle				✓			Monitoring progress and developments of joint working		✓						✓
Scrutiny Annual Report			✓		✓		Draft report for comment before Chairs Group								✓
Carlisle Plan		✓					Review of Plan							✓	
COMPLETED ITEMS															
Budget 15/16 - 19/20		✓	✓				Consideration of service implications						✓		
Tullie House Trust							Business Plan 2014/15 - 2017/18						✓		

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Shaddongate Resource Centre	✓				✓		Invite YMCA to meeting to scrutinise performance of centre				✓				
Carlisle Leisure Ltd							Annual Performance Report			✓					
Corporate Equality Scheme							Details of review of scheme and determine scrutiny involvement			✓					
Carlisle's Sports Strategy							To scrutinise Playing Pitch Strategy.		✓						
Arts Centre		✓					Scrutiny of Business Plan		✓						
Mobile Home Act		✓	✓				Pre-decision scrutiny	✓							