

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMISSION 21 SEPTEMBER 2010

ITEM 14 a

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Revised Remit and Annual Work Programme of the Scrutiny Management Commission

SUMMARY

1.1 The 29 June meeting decided to defer full discussion of the work programme until the September meeting, because it was known that changes might be made to the overview and scrutiny function at July Council. This report invites Members to give further consideration to a work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. Please note: (1) This item will be potentially influenced by decisions / recommendations made at agenda item 13. (2) A full scoping report on Anaerobic Digestion is included as Item 14 b)

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To consider the role and revised remit of the Scrutiny Management Commission and identify possible further items for its 2010-11 annual work programme.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 All commissions are expected to consider and agree their annual work programme near the start of each new municipal year. The work programme should include services that matter to local people, including the 'back office' administration of them, and where the input from the Commission can make a difference. Issues also need to be within the remit of the respective Commission.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Council resolution of 7 July 2010 on the reconfiguration of the commissions had the effect of altering the portfolio of the Scrutiny Management Commission. The SMC now mirrors all the functions falling within the Office of the Chief Executive. These are expressed in terms of Cabinet Member portfolios:
 - [1. All responsibilities exercised by the Leader of the Council]
 - Overall corporate strategic co-ordination and leadership
 - Corporate policies and strategies
 - Performance management
 - Lead partnership liaison with city partners including Derby City
 - Partnership and Derby Community Safety Partnership
 - Communications and consultation
 - Emergency planning and business continuity
 - Lead partnership liaison with local, regional, national and international partners
 - Economic development regeneration and tourism, including City
 - Centre Management
 - Asset management including accommodation strategy and markets
 - · School meals and in-house catering
 - [2. Within the responsibilities of the Deputy Leader]
 - Climate Change
 - The Environment and Energy

In addition to the above the SMC:

- also covers any matters that do not fall within the terms of reference of another Overview and Scrutiny Commission
- has a co-ordinating role in relation to the other commissions (see Appendix 2)
- has been designated by Council as the statutory Crime and Disorder Committee, including:
 - i) hearing 'councillor calls for action' of a community safety nature
 - ii) undertaking reviews if a petition organiser is dissatisfied with the response given regarding crime and disorder [new function]
- responds on behalf of the scrutiny function (or with Cabinet agreement the Council as a whole) to consultations regarding local government governance eg petitions.
- 4.2 For completeness, attached as Appendix 2 are the responsibilities transferred from the SMC.
- 4.3 Although the 29 June meeting deferred full discussion of the work programme until this meeting, it was decided:
 - To invite the governor of Nottingham prison to this meeting
 - To have a presentation on the night time economy and consider the earlier alcohol licensing reviews

4.4 The Commission has six scheduled meetings for 2010 – 2011, including this, the second. Four of the meetings include crime and disorder issues. The Commission's portfolio and the Council's decision-making processes means there is a partial but informal annual cycle of agenda items

29 June	Crime and Disorder issues Initial consideration of SMC work programme	
21 September	Crime and Disorder issues Approval of other commission's work programmes	
9 November	Budget briefing	
7 December	Crime and Disorder issues	
1 February	Revenue Budgets relating to SMC portfolio Revenue Budgets of other commissions (for comment) Corporate Capital Programme Corporate Plan	
22 March	Crime and Disorder issues	

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 Not applicable. The purpose of the report is to allow Members to select from the various options available within the Commission's revised portfolio.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	
Financial officer	
Human Resources officer	
Service Director(s)	
Other(s)	

List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications

IMPLICATIONS

Financial

1.1 None arising from this report.

Legal

2.1 None arising from this report.

Personnel

3.1 None arising from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising from this report.

Carbon commitment

6.1 Dependent on the choice of work programme items.

Value for money

7.1 Dependent on the choice of work programme items.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

8.1 Dependent on the choice of work programme items.

Appendix 2

Functions transferred from the SMC and destinations

Function	Destination
Community participation and empowerment	Neighbourhoods
(including Neighbourhood Board and Forums)	
Street cleaning and lighting	Neighbourhoods
Fleet management	Neighbourhoods
Health and Safety	Neighbourhoods
 Corporate human resources including training and 	Resources
development	
 Employee payments (payroll) and income tax 	Resources
External employment initiatives	Resources
Customer Services including Derby Direct	Resources
Council Tax and Business Rates	Resources
 Information and Communications Technology and 	Resources
Telephony	
Procurement	Resources
Legal and Democratic Services	Resources
• Financial Services, Audit and Risk Management	Resources
Capital and revenue budgets	Resources

Appendix 3

Significant items scrutinised during 2009-10 included:

- CCTV
- Member Satisfaction Survey
- School Meals Project
- Place Survey 2008
- Draft Performance Review Programme 2009/10
- Performance Monitoring
- Corporate Planning Framework
- Delivering Efficient Corporate and Transactional Services
- Strengthening Local Democracy Consultation Paper
- Accommodation Strategy
- Information on Ward by Ward ASBO Applications in Derby
- Capital and Revenue Budget Proposals 2010/11 2012/13
- Local Area Agreement Review
- Street Pride
- Review of Grants to Voluntary Organisations
- A protocol for Overview and Scrutiny Investigations
- Forward Plan Analysis
- Structure and resources for Overview and Scrutiny Commissions