

OUTLINE WORK PROGRAMME AND TOPIC REVIEWS 2012 - 2013

SUMMARY

- 1.1 It is usual for Overview and Scrutiny Committees to consider their work plans and select topics that they wish to review in the coming year at the beginning of each municipal year. The reviews may cover anything within their remit and could include internal as well as external facing services.
- 1.2 Following discussions held at the first meeting of the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Officer has drafted an outline work programme covering the period from July 2012 to March 2013.
- 1.3 At the meeting of 12 June 2012, the Board decided to delay work on the Multi Sports Arena Governance Topic Review until a decision on the future of the development had been made. Following the Cabinet decision to approve the development of the Multi Sports Arena, the Board should now decide whether to continue with this Topic Review, and if so, to set new timescales for this review.
- 1.4 Members expressed a desire to look in more detail at the issues relating to housing conditions and issues relating to anti-social behaviour in private rented accommodation, as well as landlord issues in the private rented sector. Following the report from officers on this issue, members should decide whether or not they would like to carry out a full topic review on this issue.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To discuss and approve the outline Work Programme 2012-2013.
- 2.2 To discuss and decide on items for Topic Reviews for the period 2012-2013.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 To ensure that the Board has a clear work programme for the forthcoming municipal year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Board should agree a work programme for the year in order

to enable Board Members, the supporting Scrutiny Officer and departmental officers to plan in advance for meetings throughout the year in a strategic way.

- 4.2 The work programme is not restrictive, and Board members can identify and introduce items for scrutiny throughout the year. Items for scrutiny will be discussed at pre-meetings with the Chair and Vice Chair, and will be added to the Scrutiny Board Agenda at the Chair's discretion.
- 4.3 The Council Constitution limits one topic review report to be submitted to the Council Cabinet every six months from Scrutiny Boards. It is possible for each Board to conduct two reviews in each municipal year. Topic reviews are not mandatory, but if the Commission wishes to conduct in-depth reviews in the current year, it is suggested that members should aim to have agreed on the review topic at the earliest opportunity.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 None.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	N/A
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	N/A
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Background papers:	None
List of appendices:	Appendix 1 – Implications Appendix 2 – Outline Work Programme 2012-2013

Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal

- 2.1 Section 21 (3) of the Local Government Act 2000 requires that the power of an overview and scrutiny committee to review or scrutinise a decision made but not implemented includes power to recommend that the decision be reconsidered by the person who made it.

Personnel

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report

Equalities Impact

- 4.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.

Health and Safety

- 5.1 None arising directly from this report

Environmental Sustainability

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report

Asset Management

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report

Risk Management

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 9.1 Our aim is to work together so that Derby and it's people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.