

# Neighbourhoods Board 15 January 2013

# **ITEM 10**

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

# Work Programme and Topic Reviews 2012 - 2013

#### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 At the first meeting of the Neighbourhoods Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Officer agreed to bring the Board's work programme and any topic review updates as a standing item to all future Board meetings. The Work Programme can be found at Appendix 2.
- 1.2 The Neighbourhoods Board is currently undertaking a topic review on the subject of anti-social behaviour in the Normanton area of the city. At the November meeting of the Neighbourhoods Board, a 'problem profile' of the area was presented to board members, and a discussion took place on how to proceed with the topic review. Members agreed what further evidence is needed and resolved to proceed to stage two of the topic review work plan. Work is continuing on stage two of the review.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 To recommend any future items to be included on the Work Programme 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
Other(s)	Philip O'Brien – Statutory Scrutiny Officer

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Background papers: None

**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 – Implications

Appendix 2 – Work Programme 2012-2013

#### **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 to deliver the following corporate objectives:
  - Feeling safe and being safe.
  - A strong community.
  - Good health and well-being.