

NEIGHBOURHOODS OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD 16 July 2013

ITEM 8

Report of the Strategic Director of Resources

Remit and Work Programme

SUMMARY

1.1 Overview and scrutiny boards are required to set their annual work programmes at the start of each municipal year. Work programmes should cover items that are within the remit of the board. This report briefly provides brief details on service areas covered by the remit of the Neighbourhoods Board and asks members to identify items for review.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1 To consider services areas that fall within the remit of the Neighbourhoods O&S Board and give ideas and suggestions for the work programme for the current municipal year.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3.1 To ensure that the board is aware of the services contained within its remit and sets a strong, robust and timely work programme for the 2013/14 municipal year.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

4.1 At the beginning of each municipal year it is usual for scrutiny boards to consider topics they wish to review in the coming year and set their work programmes accordingly. Reviews may cover anything within their respective remits that affects the city and may include internal as well as external services. The remit of the Resources and Governance Board covers the following areas:

Within the responsibilities of the Cabinet Member for Neighbourhoods and Streetpride, Councillor Ranjit Banwait

- Traffic and Transportation
- Grounds Maintenance and Cleansing
- Highways and Engineering
- Waste Management and Disposal
- City and Neighbourhood Partnerships (including the Community Safety Partnership)

- 4.2 The Director of Partnerships and Streetpride will be attending the Board meeting and providing a brief description of these items and explain the key challenges facing the service over the next 12 months or so. It is suggested that the board may wish to consider keeping themselves fully informed of issues within its remit and may wish to receive regular briefing from officers as well as undertake visits to relevant locations
- 4.3 The board also has the statutory Crime and Disorder Committee responsibilities. This provides the board with powers to scrutinise decisions and or actions of the responsible authorities, Community Safety Partnership and its annual strategic assessment informing the Community Safety Plan and other crime and disorder or community safety issues related the city.
- 4.4 During the last municipal year the board reviewed a range of items including:
 - Police and Crime Panels
 - Neighbourhood Working
 - Changes to refuse collection services
 - Tree Management
 - Purple Flag and the Night Time Economy
 - Crime and Disorder
 - Highways Maintenance
 - Safety on School Transport
 - Anti-Social Behaviour
 - Derby City Council Revenue Budget Proposals
 - Police and Crime Panels
 - Strategic Intelligence Assessment
- 4.5 The board has also been conducting a review of anti-social behaviour. This looks at the common causes of antisocial behaviour in Normanton, how these can be tackled and what lesson can be learned for other parts of the city. The review is programmed for completion by early autumn.
- 4.6 The Council Constitution limits one topic review report to be submitted to the Council Cabinet every six months from scrutiny boards. This means that in theory it is possible for each board to conduct two reviews in each municipal year. Topic reviews are not mandatory, but if the board 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.
- 4.7 Members are asked to consider items which they would wish to see included in this year's work programme.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

Legal officer	N/A
Financial officer	
Human Resources officer	N/A
Service Director(s)	Tim Clegg, Director Partnerships and Streetpride
Other(s)	
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Background papers: None List of appendices: Appendix 1 – Implications	Background papers: List of appendices:	
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Appendix 1

IMPLICATIONS

Financial and Value for Money

1.1 None arising 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 from this report.

Equalities Impact

4.1 None arising from this report.

Health and Safety

5.1 None arising from this report.

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 None arising from this report

Asset Management

7.1 None arising from this report.

Risk Management

8.1 None arising from this report.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1	Our aim is to work together so that Derby people enjoy good health and well-being and an active cultural life.			

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