

## **Work Programme and Topic Review**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report gives members an opportunity to discuss the work programme and progress on any agreed topic review.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 To recommend that further updates on the following matters are included on the 2016-2017 work programme for this board (or its successor body):
- Regeneration of Normanton;
  - Issues around affordable housing and development of brownfield land;
  - Developments around the provision of leisure facilities within the city; and
  - The council's property rationalisation programme, including updates on savings that are achieved.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 3.1 To enable the council to undertake functions in relation to overview and scrutiny, specifically to investigate, gather evidence and make recommendations to the scrutiny board in an advisory capacity.
- 3.2 To give members an opportunity to discuss the work programme and progress on topic review/s for the current municipal year, as well as to discuss and agree any actions to allow the progress of any topic review/s.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 The remit of this board covers service areas (not in their entirety) that fall within the portfolios of the Cabinet Member for Communities and City Centre Regeneration and the Cabinet Member for Urban Renewal. Remits of the scrutiny boards are not distinct and therefore some of the services within these portfolios will also fall under the responsibility of other scrutiny boards.
- 4.2 During the 2015-2016 municipal year the Board met three times to consider a range of items within their remit, including the regeneration of Normanton. This topic has proved to require further consideration and monitoring, and should therefore be included on the 2016-2017 work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Board whose remit includes regeneration of the City.

### **Regeneration of Normanton**

- 4.3 An update report on the Regeneration of Normanton was considered at the first meeting of the board in August 2015. It was agreed at this meeting that the board would look at the regeneration of Normanton as the topic review for the municipal year.
- 4.4 As part of the topic review, the board received further detail and information from council officers on:
- ways to improve the traffic flow;
  - use of car parks;
  - the feasibility of a Business Improvement District Board being established;
  - the pros and cons of having a 15-year or five-year development plan in place; and
  - how links may be established to join Normanton and the new Castleward development.
- 4.5 The findings were to be considered at the following meeting in December 2015. Discussions at this meeting highlighted further areas requiring more in-depth and lengthy investigations. It was resolved that this would result in further updates to the board into the next municipal year.

### **Issues around affordable housing and development of brownfield land**

- 4.6 During the course of this municipal year, the board continued to look at the issue of affordable housing and use of brownfield land for future development. This work was previously scrutinised by the Cost of Living Overview and Scrutiny Board in 2014/5. Senior officers have confirmed that they are not currently in a position to provide a full update to the board so it is proposed that these should be carried forward for inclusion on the work programme for 2016/7.

**Developments around the provision of leisure facilities within the city and the council's property rationalisation programme**

4.7 The work programme also included the scrutiny of the council's property rationalisation and disposal programme and elements of the council's Leisure Facilities Strategy. These included the Assembly Rooms, Moorways Sports Centre and any other significant leisure based developments. Senior officers have proposed it would be timely to provide more detailed information on these projects to the board early in the new municipal year. Officers have therefore requested that these items be carried forward for inclusion on the work programme for next year.

<b>OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED</b>
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5.1 Proposing that fewer topics be carried forward into 2016/7 would be an option. Successor boards in a new municipal year are not bound by the work programme agreed in the previous year, so the board may wish to give consideration into whether it would be preferable to prioritise certain topics over others in their recommendations.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Estates/Property officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Clare Harrison, Democratic Services Manager David Walsh, Head of Democracy
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## IMPLICATIONS

### **Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Legal**

- 2.2 Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Personnel**

- 3.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **IT**

- 4.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Effective scrutiny benefits all Derby people.
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### **Health and Safety**

- 6.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Environmental Sustainability**

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

### **Property and Asset Management**

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items

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## **Risk Management**

- 9.1 None arising directly from this report. Implications may arise from future items identified for inclusion on the work programme as and when they are considered by the board and from the final recommendations resulting from topic reviews.

## **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

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