OUTLINE WORK PROGRAMME AND TOPIC REVIEWS 2012 - 2013

SUMMARY

1.2   At the first meeting of the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board, the Overview and Scrutiny Officer agreed to bring the Board work programme and topic review updates as a standing item to all future Board meetings. The Work Programme can be found at Appendix 2.

1.3   At the meeting of 24 July 2012, the Board decided to delay work on the Multi Sports Arena Governance Topic Review until work has begun on this development.

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 a further report from officers on this issue at the meeting held on 24 July 2012, members decided that a full topic review should be undertaken. The Overview and Scrutiny Officer has developed a Scoping Report for this Topic Review, and this can be found at Appendix 3.

RECOMMENDATION

2.1   To recommend any future items to be included on the Work Programme 2012-2013.

2.2   To discuss, amend and approve the Scoping Report for the 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.

3.2   To ensure that the Board is clear in their scope for the Private Rented Sector Housing Topic Review and the proposed timescales for delivery and completion of the review.

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
	Appendix 3 – Private Rented Sector Housing Topic Review - Scoping Report

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 its people will enjoy a thriving sustainable economy, good health and well-being and an active cultural life.