

## **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 The remit of the Planning, Housing and Leisure Board covers the development of the Multi Sports Arena. In the last municipal year, the Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Commission opted to undertake a review of the governance arrangements which could be adopted by the Multi Sports Arena, which has not yet been completed. However, the future of this development has not yet been decided. The Board should decide on whether to continue with this Topic Review, and if it is to be continued, should decide whether it should be delayed until a decision on the development has been made.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To suggest items for the annual Work Programme 2011-12.
- 2.2 To delay the completion of the Multi Sports Arena Governance Topic Review until the future of the development has been determined.

### **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 develop a work programme for the year in order to ensure that any pertinent issues and topics are identified for scrutiny. This also enables 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.

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**Background papers:** None  
**List of appendices:** Appendix 1 - Implications

## 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.