



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY, PERFORMANCE AND GOVERNANCE

**to
OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
2 OCTOBER 2019**

2019/20 PROGRAMME OF WORK UPDATE

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update on the work programme of this Committee for 2019/20. It is requested that the Committee reviews the position on items in the existing work programme with a view to either removal of items or setting deadlines for completion prior to the commencement of the new committee structure from 3 October 2019.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- (i) That items on the Programme of Work which are complete be identified and removed.
- (ii) That remaining items of scrutiny be made specific, and deadlines set for completion.

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 The Committee has previously considered and agreed a programme of work for 2019/20; and other issues have been added subsequently. **APPENDIX 1** provides an update on each of the agreed scrutiny topics. **APPENDIX 2** lists the items under a watching brief.

- 3.2 It is suggested that the following items listed at **APPENDIX 1** are considered with a view to set a time frame for completion or to remove from the Programme of Work prior to the commencement of the new Committee Structure. This will assist the role and work of the Committee going forward under the new structure

3.2.1 Waste Water

- 3.2.1.1 The Committee is requested to identify what is outstanding/the objective for future or continued scrutiny. This item materialised following concerns over foul / surface water flooding within the district. During Anglian Water's (AW) presentation at the August 2019 meeting of the Committee, Members were advised that during the initial planning application stage, applicants are advised (especially with large developments) to consult with AW as this helps to identify considerations and can

limit the number of conditions.

- 3.2.1.2 Following the update from Anglian Water at the August 2019 meeting, it is recommended that this item is removed from the Programme of Work. Due to the nature of concerns previously raised by Members, it is recommended that further queries are referred to the relevant Committee in the first instance.

3.2.2 Health Care Provision

- 3.2.2.1 The Committee is requested to identify what is outstanding/the objective for future or continued scrutiny. Members have requested that a flyer is included with the Annual Billing in promotion of the services available. This is expected to be implemented by 31 January 2020.

- 3.2.2.2 Due to ongoing questions around Section 106 (S106) and funds allocated to National Health Service (NHS), it is suggested that the response from NHS Estates and future performance reports be provided to the Performance, Governance and Audit (PGA) Committee.

- 3.2.2.3 Following the update from the Clinical Commissioning Group at the August 2019 meeting, it is recommended that further queries on Health Care Provision are referred to the relevant committee in the first instance, and that this item is now removed from the Programme of Work.

3.2.3 Section 106 Update

- 3.2.3.1 The Committee is requested to identify what is outstanding/the objective for future or continued scrutiny. This item has been on the Committee's agenda since 2016 with a request for regular updates, originally sought for assurance purposes. While it is acknowledged that Members have requested updates on certain cases, it is not evident that the Committee has scrutinised any part of the S106 processes or mechanisms.

- 3.2.3.2 Unless there is a clear objective or area of scrutiny planned, and a timescale for conclusion, it is recommended that this matter should now revert to featuring in future performance management reports to Performance, Governance and Audit Committee.

3.2.4 Business Opportunities for the Council

- 3.2.4.1 The Committee is requested to identify what is outstanding/the objective for future or continued scrutiny. Where there is nothing further to be scrutinised, an outcome can perhaps be determined, and matters referred to the Strategy and Resource (S&R) Committee.

- 3.2.4.2 It is considered that the role of this Committee should not necessarily extend to looking at ways of achieving and delivering unless asked specifically by the relevant Committee. It is suggested that this item may be more suited for a working group of the S&R Committee.

3.2.5 Monitoring of the Organisational Change Programme

3.2.5.1 The Committee is requested to identify what is outstanding/the objective for future or continued scrutiny. It is acknowledged that Councillor Siddall is in the process of scrutinising a specific area of the Organisational Change Programme, with a report expected to be received at a future meeting of the Committee.

3.2.5.2 The Committee should therefore be able to conclude this item as the Programme nears completion at the end of October 2019.

3.2.5.3 It is recommended that any further items of scrutiny should be specific, with deadlines for completion.

3.2.6 **Provision of Car Parking**

3.2.6.1 Items of scrutiny under this heading should be considered for removal on completion of the following actions:

3.2.7 **Events at Promenade Park**

3.2.7.1 The South Essex Parking Partnership (SEPP) is undertaking a review on parking restrictions within the residential areas around Promenade Park, which will include a safety report.

3.2.7.2 Unless it is known when the outcome of the review is likely, the setting of a deadline for completion of this sub-item may be difficult. The Committee may agree to delete it subject to the Director of Service Delivery communicating the outcome of the review to Members..

3.2.7.3 ***Park and Ride Schemes within the District***

3.2.7.3.1 ***Tesco's Park and Ride Scheme*** – The Committee is to receive a presentation from the Specialist - Local Plan regarding the Tesco's Park and Ride scheme at the 2 October 2019 meeting. The Programme of Work will be updated following the identification of further items for scrutiny and a set deadline.

3.2.7.3.2 ***Identification of a Second Park and Ride Service within the District*** – The Committee is to receive a report from the Director of Service Delivery. Following receipt of the report, it may be more suited for a working group of S&R Committee.

3.3 It is suggested that the following items listed at **APPENDIX 2** are considered with a view to setting an end date for monitoring purposes or removal from the Programme of Work from the commencement of the new Committee Structure.

3.3.1 **Waste Contract**

3.3.1.1 The Committee is expected to receive a further update at the November 2019 meeting. Following receipt of the report, and unless any further area for scrutiny has been identified, it is recommended that the Committee agrees removal of this item from the Programme of Work.

3.3.2 **Review of Fire and Rescue Service provision within the Dengie**

3.3.2.1 Members had a private meeting with the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) on 7 February 2019, where the PFCC reassured Members that fire stations at Burnham and Tillingham would not be closing. Further information on the Fire Break Project will be circulated to Members once received.

3.3.2.2 It is recommended that this item is removed from the Programme of Work

4. CONCLUSION

4.1 Outstanding issues are to remain on the programme of work and be included for the commencement of the new committee structure from October 2019.

4.2 Any further or new items of scrutiny that are identified should now await commencement of the new committee structure. The first meeting of the Committee as part of the new structure is 31 October 2019.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

5.1 The work of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee supports an open and transparent organisation.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – Scrutiny work may aid in improvements to service to the public by the Council and external authorities.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – None identified.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Recommendations arising from scrutiny could assist in mitigating corporate risks.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Officer time in preparing the reports and supporting information.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – None identified.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – None identified.

Background papers:

None.

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