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| STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE | Agenda Item No. 6 |
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REVIEW OF 2010/2011 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2010/11 and to develop a work programme for 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2010/2011 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and develops a work programme for the forthcoming year.

3. REVIEW OF 2010/11

- 3.1 The Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2010 -2011, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Cessation of the Comprehensive Area Assessment
- The Big Debate - How has the economic downturn had an effect on the amount and type of crime in Peterborough?
- Citizen Power Programme:
 - Making Social Media Social
 - Arts and Social Change
 - Peterborough Curriculum Strand
 - Civic Health Audit Strand
 - Project Implementation Document
- Community Cohesion Strategy 2010
- Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Members relevant to the Committee
 - Cabinet Member for Housing, Neighbourhoods and Planning
 - Cabinet Member for Business Engagement
 - Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion, Safety and Women's Enterprise
- Neighbourhood Councils – Progress Report
- Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan
- Establishment of Neighbourhood Council Scrutiny Review
- Homelessness Prevention
- Section 75 Pooled Funding Arrangements for Substance Misuse Services
- Cultural and Leisure Trust
- Neighbourhood Council Review

As the Council's designated Crime and Disorder Committee the Committee considered the following issues:

- Designated Public Place Order (DPPO)
- Integrated Offender Management Programme
- Adult Drug Treatment Plan
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan

3.2 For the information of the Committee, copies of the recommendations made during the year are attached at Appendix 1.

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own programme in line with the Council's key priorities and the Committee's remit.

4.2 The Committee's remit is:

To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of creating strong and supportive communities. This will include reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in their activities and performance in the delivery of the Single Delivery Plan targets.

Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:

- by exercising the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or key decisions which have been delegated to an officer.
- by scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan
- by scrutinising Executive decisions after they have been implemented, as part of a wider policy review.

To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:

- Cohesion
- Cultural Services
- Neighbourhood Services
- City Centre

To assist and advise the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues in relation to the terms of reference of the committee.

Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.

Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on behalf of the Committee on a time-limited basis.

To undertake all of the Council's statutory functions in accordance with Sections 19 & 20 and associated regulations of the Police and Justice Act 2006, relating to scrutiny of crime and disorder matters, including acting as the Council's crime and disorder committee.

4.3 A draft work programme which shows the items which are currently scheduled along with items carried over from last year is attached at Appendix 2.

5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 5.1 Minutes of the Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee held on 16 June, 21 July, 15 September, 10 November 2010 and 6 January, 19 January, and 9 March 2011.
- 6. **Appendices**
- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2010/2011
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2011/12

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