

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 7
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Report of the Director of Governance

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REVIEW OF 2013/2014 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2013/14 and to develop a work programme for 2014/15.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2013/2014 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 2013/14

- 3.1 The Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2013 -2014, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Review of 2012/13 and Future Work Programme

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Impact of the Welfare Reform
- Value for Money - Vivacity
- Commercial Operations
- Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Member for Community Cohesion, Safety and Public Health
- Culture and Heritage
- Heritage Ambition
- Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Member for Environment Capital and Neighbourhoods
- Scrutiny in a Day: Understanding and Managing the Impacts of Welfare Reform on Communities in Peterborough
- Overarching Culture Strategy
- Vivacity – Annual Report and Business Plan

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2011-2014 (2013 Revision)
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update – Reducing Crime
- Overview of the Operation Can Do Programme
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update – Tackling anti-social behaviour and hate crime

- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update – Building stronger and more supportive communities
- Fly Tipping – Prosecution Records

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Draft Homelessness Strategy 2013 – 2018
- Proposed Selective Licensing for the Gladstone, Millfield New England and Eastfield Areas of Peterborough
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update
- Commercial Operations Plan 2014 – 15
- Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan

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

- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2011 – 2014 (2013 Revision)
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update – Reducing Crime
- Overview of the Operation Can Do Programme
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update – Tackling Antisocial Behaviour and Hate Crime
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan – Priority Progress Update – Building Stronger and more Supportive Communities
- Fly Tipping – Prosecution Records
- Reducing Reoffending Through Behaviour Change

No Call-in’s were received by this Committee during 2013/2014.

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

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15

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 4 June, 24 July, 11 September, 19 November 2013, 15 January, and 26 March 2014.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2013/2014
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2014/15

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