

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 2015/2016 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2016/17

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2015/16 and to approve the draft work programme for 2016/17.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2015/2016 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and approves the draft work programme attached at Appendix 2.

3. REVIEW OF 2015/16

- 3.1 The Strong and Supportive Communities Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2015 -2016, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Review of 2014/15 and Future Work Programme
- Strong and Supportive Communities: Introduction, Overview and work programme
- Communities Strategy Task and Finish Group Terms of Reference

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital.
- Visitor Economy Strategy 2015 – 2020 Progress Report
- Community Asset Transfers
- Portfolio Progress Report from Cabinet Member for Growth, Planning, Housing and Economic Development
- Community Connectors
- Vivacity Annual Report
- Commercial Operations – Performance Report including Portfolio Progress update from the Cabinet Member for City Centre Management, Culture & Tourism
- Customer Experience Programme
- City Market

CRIME AND DISORDER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

- Safer Peterborough Partnership – Cyber Crime
- Road Safety and progress on Operation Backfire
- Joint Community Enforcement Team
- Draft Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan 2014 - 2017

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Selective Licensing Scheme
- Communities Strategy Task and Finish Group Report
- Alternative Governance

One Call-In Meeting was held to consider the call-in of the following decision:

- 20 January 2016 - Call-In of Executive Decision– City Centre Anti-Social Behaviour Enforcement – DEC15/CAB/106 - NOT CALLED IN

The following Task and Finish Group was formed during 2015-2016.

Communities Strategy Task and Finish Group. Set up in September 2015, review completed 20 January 2016.

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

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own work 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 identified for scrutiny at the work programming session held on 13 June 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 11 June, 22 July, 16 September, 24 November 2015 and 20 January and 10 March 2016.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2015/2016
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2016/2017

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