

STRONG AND SUPPORTIVE COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
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REVIEW OF 2009/2010 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2009/10 and to develop a work programme for 2010/11.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2009/2010 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 2009/10

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

- Performance of the Local Area Agreement
- Cultural and Leisure Trust
- Portfolio Progress from Cabinet Members relevant to the Committee
- Sustainable Communities Act and Neighbourhood Management
- Neighbourhood Councils
- Homelessness Prevention Action Plan
- How has the economic downturn had an effect on the amount and type of crime in Peterborough?

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

- Crime and Disorder Committee – Protocol and Working Arrangements
- Serious Acquisitive Crime
- Domestic Violence and Sexual Violence
- Safer Peterborough Partnership – Young Offenders Initiatives
- Restorative Justice Approach to Youth Crime
- Section 75 Pooled funding arrangements for substance misuse services
- Road Safety
- Safer Peterborough Partnership Plan
- Policing Pledge

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

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

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 Local Area Agreement 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 23 July, 10 September, 25 November 2009 and 21 January, 16 February, and 18 March 2010.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2009/2010
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2010/11