

Maidstone Borough Council

Environment and Transportation Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 19 April 2011

Future Work Programme 2011-12

Report of: Overview & Scrutiny Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee are invited to consider items for the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2011-2012.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee suggests items for next year's Overview and Scrutiny work programme.
- 2.2 The Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be meeting in June 2011 to agree their work programmes for the next municipal year. At each Committee meeting Members will consider the work programme suggestions from officers, members of the public, Councillors and the 2010/11 Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

3. Future Work Programme

- 3.1 Topics for the work programme must not include individual complaints or have been reviewed in the two years previously. Reviews carried out by Overview and Scrutiny in the last two municipal years have included:

- Customer Service Gateway
- Rural Economy
- Securing Water Supplies
- Obesity
- Domestic Violence
- Sustainable Communities Act
- Railways
- Junk Mail
- Disabled Facilities Grants
- Mental Health Services (joint with Tunbridge Wells)
- Best Value Review of waste and recycling; and
- Overview and Scrutiny Function.

- 3.2 The Committee could choose not to consider items for 2011-12 however this would mean that a valuable opportunity to suggest items from experienced scrutiny members would be lost.

4. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 4.1 The Committee will consider, as part of the formal work programme planning process, whether potential items meet the council's corporate objectives.
- 4.2 The Strategic Plan sets the council's key objectives for the medium term and has a range of objectives which support the delivery of the council's priorities. Actions to deliver these key objectives may therefore include work that the Committee will consider over the next year.