

## **Maidstone Borough Council**

### **Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Tuesday 11 October 2011**

#### **Future Work Programme and Scrutiny Officer Update**

**Report of:** Overview & Scrutiny Officer

#### **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 To consider the Committee's future work programme and the Forward Plan of Key Decisions.
- 1.2 To consider the information update given by the Overview and Scrutiny Officer.

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the evolving Future Work Programme, attached at **Appendix A**, to ensure that it is appropriate and covers all issues Members currently wish to consider within the Committee's remit.
- 2.2 That the Committee considers the sections of the Forward Plan of Key Decisions relevant to the Committee and discuss whether these are items requiring further investigation or monitoring by the Committee.

#### **3 Future Work Programme**

- 3.1 Throughout the course of the municipal year the Committee is asked to put forward work programme suggestions. These suggestions are planned into its annual work programme. Members are asked to consider the work programme at each meeting to ensure that remains appropriate and covers all issues Members currently wish to consider within the Committee's remit.

#### **4 Forward Plan of Key Decision**

- 4.1 The Forward Plan for October 2011 to January 2012 (**Appendix B**) contains the following decisions relevant to the Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee:
  - Tendering Strategy – Waste & Recycling contract from 2013;
  - CCTV Monitoring – Contract Award;
  - Community Development Strategy 2011 to 2016;
  - Maidstone Local Bio Diversity Action Plan;
  - Parish Services Scheme;

- Fee & Charges – Bereavement Services 2012/2013;
- Review of Fees & Charges for Maidstone Market at Lockmeadow 2012/13; and
- Adoption of Dog Control Orders in Maidstone.

## **5. Impact on Corporate Objectives**

- 5.1 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the following Council priorities:
- 'Corporate and Customer Excellence' and 'For Maidstone to be a decent place to live.'
- 5.2 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.