

Maidstone Borough Council

Communities Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 10 April 2012

Future Work Programme 2012-13

Report of: Overview & Scrutiny Officer

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee are invited to consider items for the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2012-2013.

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 2012 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 2011/12 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;
- Neighborhood Action Planning;
- Mental Health Services (joint with Tunbridge Wells);
- Traffic Congestion; and
- Waste and Recycling and the New Waste contract.

- 3.2 The Committee could choose not to consider items for 2012-13 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.