

## **Maidstone Borough Council**

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

**Tuesday 20 November 2012**

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

**Report of:** Overview & Scrutiny Officer

#### **1. Introduction**

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

#### **2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the draft 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. Items on the draft future work programme, highlighted in red, are provisional items for the Committee to approve.

#### **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 it remains appropriate and covers all issues Members currently wish to consider within the Committee's remit.
- 3.2 The Committee is reminded that the Constitution states under Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules number 9: Agenda items that 'Any Member of an Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committee shall be entitled to give notice to the proper officer that he wishes an item relevant to the functions of the Committee or Sub-Committee to be included on the agenda for the next available meeting. On receipt of such a request the proper officer will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda.'

#### **4 List of Forthcoming Decisions**

- 4.1 The List of Forthcoming Decision is a live document containing all key and non-key decisions. The List of Forthcoming Decisions replaces the Forward Plan of Key Decisions, a tool previously used by all Overview and Scrutiny Committee's to select relevant key decisions for pre-decision scrutiny, relevant to the individual

Committee. The document was included on all Overview and Scrutiny agendas.

- 4.2 The list of forthcoming decisions is included at **Appendix B**, to ensure the information provided to the Committee is up to date, a verbal update will be given at the meeting by the Scrutiny Officer. The Committee can view the live document online at:  
<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPIId=443&RD=0>

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

- 5.1 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the following Council priority:
- '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.