

Maidstone Borough Council

Economic & Commercial Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 26 November 2013

Future Work Programme & List of Forthcoming Decisions

Report of: Clare Wood, Policy & Performance 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 update on the work programme given by the Policy & Performance 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.
- 2.2 That the Committee considers sections of the list of forthcoming decisions relevant to the Committee at **Appendix B** and discuss whether these are items that require further investigation or monitoring by the Committee.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

- 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.
- 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 Decisions for October 2013 to December 2014 (**Appendix B**) contains the three decisions relevant to the Regeneration and Economic Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee's current work programme and terms of reference.
- 4.2 The Regeneration and Economic Development Plan Consultation is showing in plan as due to Cabinet for a decision in November. Discussion with the Economic Development Manager indicates that a decision is unlikely to be made in November and that this is now expected early 2014.
- 4.3 The Business Enterprise Hub is showing as due for decision by the Cabinet Member for Regeneration & Commercial Development by 29th November 2013. This item has already been considered by the Committee in September and an update is scheduled in the work programme for February 2014.
- 4.4 Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013 – 2018 is due for decision by the Cabinet Member for Economic & Commercial Development by 14th November 2013. Members should consider if they wish to add this item to their work programme.

5. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 5.1 The Committee will primarily consider reports that deliver against all the Council priority: 'For Maidstone to have a growing economy.'
- 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 throughout the coming year.

Appendices

- Draft work programme – Appendix A
- Forward Plan of Key Decisions – Appendix B