

Maidstone Borough Council

Economic & Commercial Development Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Tuesday 25 March 2014

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 the sections of the List of forthcoming decisions relevant to the Committee at **Appendix B** and discuss whether these are items 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 December 2013 to June 2014 (**Appendix B**) contains the two decisions relevant to the Economic & Commercial Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee's current work programme and terms of reference.
- 4.2 Cabinet is due to consider funding options for the Enterprise Hub on 9th April. An update to committee will be provided at the next meeting on 22nd April 2014.
- 4.3 Maidstone Museums' Collections Development Policy 2013 – 2018 is due for decision by the Cabinet Member for Economic & Commercial Development by Friday 30th May 2014. At the meeting on the 28th January 2014 members requested a visit to the museum in order to see the collections currently in storage. This visit is scheduled to take place on 8th April at 13:00.

5. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 5.1 The Committee will primarily consider reports that deliver against 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