

Maidstone Borough Council

Corporate Services Overview & Scrutiny Committee

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Future Work Programme 2013-14 and Outcomes 2012-13

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Committee are invited to consider items for the Overview and Scrutiny work programme 2013-2014 and consider the impact of the Committees work for 2012-13.

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 May 2013 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.
- 2.3 That the Committee reviews the outcomes of the recommendations from the Committee for 2012-13.

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:
- Visitor Information Centre Review
 - Customer Service Gateway;
 - Rural Economy;
 - 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 2013-14 however this would mean that a valuable opportunity to suggest items from experienced scrutiny members would be lost.
- 3.3 When the Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee met in May 2012 to discuss its work programme it was agreed that a review of the Capital Programme would be the Committees main review topic.

- 3.4 The Corporate Services Overview and Scrutiny Committee put together an extensive provisional work programme at its meeting in May 2012 which was revisited at each meeting and revised as appropriate.

4. Scrutiny Outcomes

- 4.1 Excluding reports that the Committee noted without any additional recommendations and requests for information made, a total of 35 recommendations were made by the Committee during 2012-13.
- 4.2 All available responses to date are available at **Appendix A**.

5. Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 5.1 The Committee will consider, as part of the formal work programme planning process, whether potential items meet the council's corporate objectives.
- 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.