

Appendix A: Economic and Commercial Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee Future Work Programme

Meeting Date	Agenda Deadline	Agenda Items	Details and Desired Outcomes	Witnesses and Report Authors
29 th July	16 th July	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet member priorities-written report • Draft Economic Development Strategy-workshop and item on agenda • Draft Commercialisation Strategy 	<p>Members would like cabinet member to provide a report highlighting priorities, and then to question him on this report.</p> <p>Meeting will begin at 6pm with Economic Development Strategy first on the agenda.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet member • Officers from Economic Development • Consultants working on Economic Development Strategy • Marcus Lawler
26 th August	13 th August	<p>Maidstone Culture and Leisure items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formation of Maidstone Culture and Leisure-outline and timeline • Museum forward plan • Events and festivals strategy • Events review SCRAIP follow up 	<p>These items will all come together as requested by the committee during the work programming workshop at the meeting of 1st July because it was felt they were all related.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dawn Hudd • Laura Case
23 rd September	10 th September			
21 st October	8 th October	<p>Joint Meeting with Planning, Transport and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider the Employment Land Qualitative Report and the Economic Development Strategy.</p>	<p>Implications for the local plan, hence the joint meeting. Needs to take place before the Economic Development Strategy cabinet member decision is taken.</p>	
28 th October	15 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills and Employability Update 	<p>Following the update on skills and employability projects the committee will consider</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Karen Franek • Abi Lewis

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			whether it wishes to do a review on skills and employability.	
25 th November	12 th November	Enterprise Hub proposals	To be scrutinised before cabinet member decision, needs to be seen before December	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Karen Franek
23 rd December	10 th December			
27 th January	14 th January			
24 th February	11 th February			
24 th March	11 th March			
28 th April	15 th April			

Suggestions TBC

Suggestion	Reason
Using the River Medway	Referred to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee
Policy for Discretionary Business Rates Relief	Only if MBC can have an influence on business rates. Meeting with Chair/Vice Chair and relevant Officers will determine whether this is the case. Due in August/September.
South East Local Enterprise Partnership	Only if MBC can have an influence on any of this. Meeting with Chair/Vice Chair and relevant Officers will determine whether this is the case.
Barriers to rural business/IT infrastructure in officers (broadband)	These will be considered following scrutiny of the employment implications of local plan in October, initially led by PT&D OSC.
Council as a Business SCRAIP follow up	Dependent on whether members feel it has been overtaken by the commercialisation strategy once they have seen both the review and the strategy
Night Time Economy	Referred to Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee

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Rejected Suggestions

Suggestion	Reason
Conversion of Office Space to residential space	Rejected by all 9 members during workshop
Mobile phone services (dead zones)	Not felt to be an issue within the councils remit or control- for the mobile phone operators to sort out