

Maidstone Borough Council

Community, Environment and Housing Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Future Work Programme and Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP) update

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1. Introduction

- 1.1 At the Future Work Programme (FWP) Workshop on 17 June 2014 members agreed the topics they wanted programmed in for the 2014-15 Municipal Year. The topic suggestions were made by members of the public, Parish Councils, officers and local press. The draft Future Work Programme can be found attached as **Appendix A**. Recommended changes are shown in ***bold italics***.
- 1.2 The Committee's Future Work Programme for 2014-2015 is very full. In order to fulfil the commitments of the agreed work programme the Committee will need to decide how they want to programme the review items in.
- 1.3 The Committee would usually consider the Scrutiny Recommendation Action and Implementation Plan (SCRAIP) update. There are no SCRAIP updates to report at this meeting.
- 1.4 The Committee will also consider the information update given by the Chairman and the List of Forthcoming Decisions attached as **Appendix B**.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the draft future work programme showing the recommended changes in ***bold italics***, attached at **Appendix A**.
- 2.2 The Committee are recommended to agree the following changes to the Future Work Programme:
 - Use the meeting of 11 November to interview witnesses for the review of Isolation and Loneliness in Older People;
 - Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services – move from 9 September to 9 December
 - Maternity Services – are they working? – move from 11 November to 13 January 2015;
 - Young Carers – move from 9 December to 10 February 2015;
 - Draft final report on Overview of Health Services in the Maidstone Borough – programme in for 10 March 2015.

- 2.3 The Committee are recommended to agree a Working Group or Groups to scope the following review topics under the heading of an Overview of Health Care in the Borough:
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service (CAMHS) Provision;
 - Maternity Services in the Borough – are they working?, and;
 - Young Carers.
- 2.4 That the Committee considers the sections of the List of Forthcoming Decisions relevant to the Committee at **Appendix B** and whether these are items requiring further investigation or monitoring.
- 2.5 That the Committee considers its continuous professional development needs and recommends possible training or development sessions it would like to undertake.

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 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 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 of the Committee or Sub-Committee. On receipt of such a request the proper officer will ensure that it is included on the next available agenda, the Member must attend the meeting and speak on the item put forward.'

4 List of Forthcoming Decisions

- 4.1 The List of Forthcoming Decisions (**Appendix B**) is a live document containing all key and non-key decisions.
- 4.2 Due to the nature of the List of Forthcoming Decisions, and to ensure the information provided to the Committee is up to date, a verbal update will be given at the meeting by the Chairman. The Committee can view the live document online at:
<http://meetings.maidstone.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=443&RD=0>

5 Impact on Corporate Objectives

- 5.1 The Committee will consider reports that deliver against the following Council priorities:

- 'For Maidstone to have a growing economy' and '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.