



## Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee 25<sup>th</sup> September 2014

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**Subject:** Work Programme 2014/15

**Summary:**

This report provides the Work Programme for the Committee for the 2014/15 municipal year.

**Type of item:** The report author should tick the appropriate box

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| Reviewing of existing policy              |          |
| Informing the development of new policy   |          |
| Statutory consultation                    |          |
| Performance / budget monitoring report    |          |
| Cabinet request for scrutiny              |          |
| Full Council request for scrutiny         |          |
| Community Assembly request for scrutiny   |          |
| Call-in of Cabinet decision               |          |
| Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee |          |
| Other                                     | <b>X</b> |

**The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:**

1. Comment on the work programme
2. Agree when to discuss the four Community Safety items
3. Agree the work programme

**Background Papers:** None

**Category of Report:** OPEN

## Work Programme 2014/15

### 1. Introduction

1.1 This report sets out the Committee's 2014/15 Work Programme. The work programme is a live document and based on the Committee's discussion at its July meeting and discussions with the Chair of the Committee.

### 2. Issues

2.1 Since the last Committee meeting the Work Programme has been amended so that the Housing Revenue Account Business Plan comes to the November meeting. This is so that officers can present the Committee with meaningful information upon which to comment. The Challenge for Change: Grass Cutting report back item has been added to the November meeting following the Committee requesting a progress report on this issue.

2.2 There were four separate items on Community Safety planned for November's meeting. However, as a consequence of the additional items this would have meant November's meeting would have a total 6 items.

2.3 The only Committee meeting with any space remaining on the agenda is the March 2015 meeting. The Committee are therefore asked to consider whether they wish to hold an additional meeting in December to consider the four community safety items or to consider them at the March 2015 meeting.

2.4 The Work Programme as it currently stands is below:

| Topic                                 | Background                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
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| <b>27th November 2014</b>             |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Housing Revenue Account Business Plan | The Committee's March 2014 meeting requested an update report on the HRA following the Tenant Conference in the autumn and that tenant representatives be invited to that Committee meeting.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Challenge for Change: Grass Cutting   | The Committee received a report in July 2013 from the customer scrutiny panel known as Challenge for Change (C4C) which was set up in 2011 to perform an independent review of services delivered by the Council Housing Service (formerly Sheffield Homes). This report covered the project to examine the grass cutting service delivered by Sheffield Homes and the City Council's Parks and Public Realm. The Committee asked for a report back on the Council's response to the recommendations a further report on the actions resulting from the report's recommendations, with all the scrutineers involved in drafting the original report being invited to attend." |

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| <b>The following four Community Safety items could be taken at a special meeting of the Committee in December 2014 or go to the March 2015 meeting.</b> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Community Safety Partnership                                                                                                                            | The Council has a legal responsibility under the sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to annually scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership. This could also pick up the impact of reduced resources for the Police which has been requested a Committee member.                             |
| Anti-social behaviour                                                                                                                                   | The Committee added Anti-Social Behaviour to its list of topics for the 2014/15 work programme at its March 2014 meeting. This item could look at Sheffield's response to ASB legislation expected to become law in October 2014                                                                                |
| Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM)                                                                                                              | At its September 2013 meeting the Committee requested an annual presentation on the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting, with up to two additional partners to attend                                                                                                                                           |
| Domestic Violence                                                                                                                                       | Requested by two Committee members during 2014/15 as an issue the Committee could look at, following discussion at the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>22nd January 2015</b>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Private Sector Landlords                                                                                                                                | The Committee's January 2014 meeting requested that a report on the introduction of Selective Licensing in the Private Rented Sector be presented to the Committee in December 2014. Also to include the Page Hall Multi Agency Team and how that it progressing.                                               |
| Social Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract (Kier Contract)                                                                                         | To look at the repairs and maintenance services to tenants' homes provided by Kier Services which started on 1 April 2014 and runs for 3 years                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Implementation of the Allocations Policy                                                                                                                | At its March 2014 meeting the Committee requested an update report on the Implementation of the Allocations Policy, to including examples of how the associated risks had been managed; and local tenant representatives who had been involved in the consultation process, be invited to the Committee meeting |
| <b>26th March 2015</b>                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Welfare Reform                                                                                                                                          | An update as requested by Committee at the July meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
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| <b>Written briefings</b>                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| PRAM                                                                                                                                                    | A quarterly written report on actions relating to the development of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting in other parts of the City be provided to the Committee                                                                                                                                            |
| Right to Buy Update                                                                                                                                     | Written briefing circulated with the papers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Welfare Reform                                                                                                                                          | Written briefing circulated with the papers                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Management of HRA Land                                                                                                                                  | Written update circulated with the papers on the project between the Communities and Place portfolios to carry out a review of land management arrangements.                                                                                                                                                    |

| 2015/16                  |                                                                                                                                      |
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| Housing Plus - Walkabout | This would involve a one hour 'walkabout' followed by the Committee's formal meeting and could involve TARAs and other stakeholders. |

### **3. Recommendation**

3.1 The Committee is asked to:

1. Comment on the work programme
2. Agree when to discuss the four Community Safety items.
3. Agree the work programme