



Agenda Item 11

Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee 12th February 2015

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Subject: Work Programme 2014/15

Summary:

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

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

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	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

1. Comment on the work programme
 2. Agree the work programme
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Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Work Programme 2014/15

- 1.1 This report sets out the Committee's Work Programme for the remainder of the 2014/15 municipal year.
- 1.2 The work programme is a live document and based on the Committee's discussion at previous meetings and discussions with the Chair of the Committee.
- 1.3 It is proposed to take the two items that were scheduled for the cancelled January meeting to the March meeting. Specifically that the 'Social Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract (Kier Contract)' item has officers attending and that the 'Private Sector Landlords' item is taken as a written briefing without officers attending.
- 1.4 In order to accommodate these changes it is proposed that the 'Implementation of the Allocations Policy' item becomes a written briefing without officers attending at the March meeting, and that the 'Challenge for Change – Community Engagement' moves to the 'to schedule' list of items.
- 1.5 It is proposed that the Housing+ walkabout takes place in the summer. This would be one year on from when the implementation phase began with a 'test phase' in the South East of the city in June 2014, and the summer also has the benefit that the weather should be better for a walkabout.
- 1.6 The Work Programme as proposed would be:

Topic	Reasons for selecting topic
Meeting: 26th March 2015 Papers deadline Monday 16th March	
Welfare Reform	July 2014 Committee requested: "A further report on the Impact of Welfare Reform on Sheffield's Residents, be presented to the Committee in six months' time." "Officers continue to look at best practice and highlight this in any future reports to it" Additional request from Committee Members that the Welfare Reform report has a breakdown of the data to ward level where ever this is possible.
Social Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract (Kier Contract)	This item is 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. The Committee last looked at this in March 2014. The purpose is to enable the Committee to provide views and comments on progress to date.
Police and Crime Panel Update	A verbal update on the work of the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel from Cllr Roy Munn

Public Questions Report	
Written Briefings (Circulated with meeting papers but officers do NOT attend the meeting)	
Implementation of the Allocations Policy	At its March 2014 meeting the Committee requested "(i) an update report on the Implementation of the Allocations Policy be presented to the Committee in 6 months' time, to include examples of how the associated risks had been managed; and (ii) local tenant representatives, who had been involved in the consultation process, be invited to the Committee meeting at which the above update report was to be presented."
Private Sector Landlords	- The Committee's January 2014 meeting "requests that a report on the introduction of Selective Licensing in the Private Rented Sector be presented to the Committee in December 2014." - July 2014 meeting Committee added: "the item scheduled for the Committee's January 2015 meeting on the Private Rented Sector includes reference to the changing nature of that sector" - September 2014 meeting Committee agreed to "include the Page Hall Multi Agency Team and how that it progressing"
Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM)	September 2013 Committee requested "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	- The Committee have received a bi-monthly update on Right to Buy since November 2013. - November 2014 Committee requested "that future reports be set out in an appropriate table, which includes comparative figures, so that trends could be identified"
To Schedule	
Local Area Partnerships	November 2014 Committee requested "that when the review into this subject is completed, a report be presented to the Committee, with the Cabinet Member and Lead Officer being invited to attend the meeting"
Challenge for Change - Community Engagement	September 2014 Committee requested: "a further report, focusing on progress made in relation to the twelve issues identified in the report, be presented to the Committee in six months' time, with the appropriate officers and tenants' representatives being invited to attend the meeting."
Other Committee activity	
Housing Plus - Walkabout	25th September 2014 Committee requested "that arrangements be made for the Committee to visit the South East of the City, that being the area operating the 'test phase' of the model, no later than March 2015, to meet tenants and assess the implementation of the Housing+ model."

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