Sheffield City Council

Report to Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee
Thursday 22nd September 2016

Report of:	Policy & Improvement Officer

Subject:	Work Programme 2016/17

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The latest draft of the work programme is attached at Appendix 1.

The work programme aims to focus on a small number of issues in depth. It remains a live document throughout the year and is brought to each committee meeting.

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Note the contents of the work programme and provide any comment / feedback

Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee
Work Programme 2016-17

Chair: Cllr Tony Damms

[Meeting Papers on SCC Website](...)

Please note: the work programme is a live document and so is subject to change.

Vice Chair: Cllr Richard Shaw

Meeting day/ time: Thursday 4-7pm

Safer & Stronger Communities			
Topic	**Reasons for selecting topic**	**Lead Officer/s**	**Agenda Item/ Briefing paper**
Thursday 22nd September 4-7pm			
The implications of the Housing and Planning Act 2016	Following agreement by both Houses on the text of the Bill it received Royal Assent on 12th May 2016 and is now an Act of Parliament. The Act contains provisions on new homes (including starter homes), landlords and property agents, abandoned premises, social housing (including extending the Right to Buy to housing association tenants; sale of local authority assets; 'pay-to-stay'; secure tenancies), planning, compulsory purchase, and public land (duty to dispose). This report will outline the implications of the bill and any initial / early thoughts in terms of how we plan to respond in Sheffield.	Janet Sharpe, Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service Peter Brown, Project Manager - Future of Council Housing Cllr Jayne Dunn, Cabinet Member for Housing	Single Agenda Item

Thursday 20th October 4-7pm			
Neighbourhood / Locality Working - Draft Report	Following previous discussions including the raising of a public question around Local Area Partnerships (in December 2015) the committee agreed to request an update on the broader piece of work which is looking at neighbourhood / locality working once complete. The Cabinet Member and Lead Officers will attend scrutiny to present the draft report. The Committee will be able to provide comment / suggestions.	Cllr Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Libraries Dawn Shaw, Head of Libraries and Community Services James Henderson, Director Policy, Performance & Communications Other Cabinet Members / officers tbd	Agenda Item
Sheffield Cohesion Framework - Draft	The Cabinet Member and Lead Officers will attend to present Sheffield's draft cohesion framework. The Committee will be able to provide comment / suggestions.	Cllr Jack Scott, Cabinet Member for Community Services and Libraries Dawn Shaw, Head of Libraries and Community Services Other officers tbd	Agenda Item
Briefing Paper Police & Crime Panel Update	To receive an update on the work of the Police & Crime Panel.	Julia Cayless, Safer Communities Team Leader to identify lead	Briefing Paper

Thursday 15th December 4-7pm			
Welfare Reform	To receive an update on welfare reform, with a specific focus on the two key areas of Universal Credit (UC) and Personal Independence Payments (PIPS).	James Henderson, Director Policy, Performance & Communications Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support Other officers tbc.	Agenda Item
Briefing Paper Challenge for Change - Report on "Council Housing Services preparation for the implementation of Universal Credit "	The customer scrutiny panel known as Challenge for Change (C4C) was set up in 2011 to perform an independent review of services delivered by the Council Housing Service. This report covers the group's piece of work which looked at "Council Housing Services preparation for the implementation of universal credit". The Panel have produced a concise report and recommendations.	Tina Gilbert, Assistant Manager, Communities Other officers tbc.	Briefing Paper
Thursday 16th February 4-7pm			
Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership	The committee will request an update on the work of the Safer and Sustainable Communities Partnership this may focus on a specific topic / issue.	Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support Other attendees tbc.	Agenda Item
Hate Crime Task Group - Draft Report	To consider the draft report of the committees Hate Crime Task Group.	Diane Owens, Policy & Improvement Officer	Agenda Item

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Thursday 6th April 4-7pm			
Housing + Model and Implementation	To receive an update on the Housing + model and plans for implementation, for scrutiny to provide comment / suggestions.	Janet Sharpe, Director of Housing and Neighbourhoods Service Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support	Agenda Item
Challenge for Change (C4C): Vacant Property Management (update on progress)	The customer scrutiny panel known as Challenge for Change (C4C) was set up in 2011 to perform an independent review of services delivered by the Council Housing Service. This report covers their project on Vacant property management. The overall purpose of the project was to examine the Vacants service to look at ways of improving the time it takes to turnaround vacant properties for the Council to save it money and improve the service from a customer's point of view. This report would provide an update on progress in implementing the report's recommendations.	Tina Gilbert, Assistant Manager, Communities Other Officers tbd.	Agenda Item
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Task Group			
Hate Crime Task Group	The Committee will set up a task group to look at hate crime. This piece of work is currently being scoped. The Task Group will run from September 2016 and will submit its draft report to the Scrutiny Committee in February 2017.	Maxine Stavrianakos, Head of Neighbourhood Intervention & Tenant Support Julia Cayless, Safer Communities Team Leader	Tash Group
Other possible topics			
Gateway Protection Programme	To receive an update on work on the Gateway Protection Programme in *Sheffield*.	Nusrat Rehman, Manager, Targeted Interventions Huda Ahmed, CYPF Community Cohesion Lead Other officers tbd.	tbd
Briefing Paper Homelessness & rough sleeping (briefing paper)	At its January 2016 meeting Full Council requested that a report on the issue of support for rough sleepers in the city be submitted to the relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee for consideration. This Committee received an update on homelessness & rough sleeping in April 2016, officers and Councillor Jayne Dunn (Cabinet Member for Housing were in attendance to present the report and respond to questions. The Committee agreed to add this topic to its 2016-17 Work Programme as a possible briefing paper.	Suzanne Allen (Head of Citywide Neighbourhood Services), Zoe Young (Housing Options and Advice Service Manager)	Briefing Paper

Selecting Scrutiny topics

This tool is designed to assist the Scrutiny Committees focus on the topics most appropriate for their scrutiny.

- **Public Interest**

  The concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny;

- **Ability to Change / Impact**

  Priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically have an impact on, and that will influence decision makers;

- **Performance**

  Priority should be given to the areas in which the Council, and other organisations (public or private) are not performing well;

- **Extent**

  Priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the city (geographical or communities of interest);

- **Replication / other approaches**

  Work programmes must take account of what else is happening (or has happened) in the areas being considered to avoid duplication or wasted effort. Alternatively, could another body, agency, or approach (e.g. briefing paper) more appropriately deal with the topic

Other influencing factors

- **Cross-party -** There is the potential to reach cross-party agreement on a report and recommendations.

- **Resources**. Members with the Policy & Improvement Officer can complete the work needed in a reasonable time to achieve the required outcome

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