



Report to Safer & Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee Thursday 16th February 2017

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 A.

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

Chair: Cllr Tony Damms

Vice Chair: Cllr Richard Shaw

[Meeting Papers on SCC Website](#)

Meeting day/ time: Thursday 4-7pm

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

Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Lead Officer/s	Agenda Item/ Briefing paper
Thursday 6th April 4-7pm			
Page 68 Housing + Model and Implementation	This report will provide an update on the Housing + model and plans for implementation, to enable 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 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. The report will provide an update on progress in implementing the report's recommendations.	Jill Hurst, Head of Service for Investment and Repairs Jason Siddall, Repairs and Maintenance Manager Rosie Sheldon, Rehousing Manager Tenants who were involved in the piece of work - tbc	Agenda Item

Briefing Paper Equality Hub Network - update on work around hate crime	A brief update on the work of the Equality Hub Network cross hub working group looking at hate crime.	Haseena Siddique Business Project Officer, Faith Star	Briefing Paper
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
Briefing Paper Hate Crime	To receive a brief update on hate crime statistics.	Julia Cayless, Safer Communities Team Leader to identify lead	Briefing Paper
TASK GROUP			
Hate Crime Task Group	The Committee set up a task group to look at hate crime. this agreed a specific focus on reporting. The Group are presenting their draft report to the full committee in February.	Hate Crime Task Group	Task 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	tbd
Homelessness & rough sleeping (briefing paper)	In January 2016 Full Council requested that a report on the issue of support for rough sleepers in the city be submitted to the relevant Scrutiny Committee for consideration. This Committee subsequently received this report in April 2016, the session was attended by the Cabinet Member and lead officers. 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

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Selecting Scrutiny topics

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

- **P**ublic Interest
The concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny;
- **A**bility to Change / Impact
Priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically have an impact on, and that will influence decision makers;
- **P**erformance
Priority should be given to the areas in which the Council, and other organisations (public or private) are not performing well;
- **E**xtent
Priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the city (geographical or communities of interest);
- **R**eplication / 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