

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Scrutiny Board

Date **29 June 2017**

Report of: **Director of Finance and Resources**

Subject: **REVIEW OF THE WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18**

SUMMARY

Items for the draft work programme of the Board for the year were agreed by the Board at its meeting on 16 March 2017 and endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 27 April 2017. The Board reviewed the work programme at its last meeting on 18 May 2017.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is now invited to agree the work programme for 2017/18.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the meeting of the Board on 18 May 2017, members agreed items for the draft work programme of the Board for the current year 2017/18. The work programme was subsequently confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 27 April 2017 and reviewed at the last meeting of the Board on 18 May 2017. The Board's work programme is set out in Appendix A to this report.
2. The progress on actions since the last meeting of the Board is attached at Appendix B for information.

REVISIONS TO THE WORK PROGRAMME

3. Members are asked to note the following revisions to the work programme:
 - (i) The presentation scheduled for the 23 November 2017 meeting has been renamed to reflect the new Executive portfolio title;
 - (ii) The Review of the Corporate Strategy and Corporate Priorities item has been assigned to the November Board meeting; and
 - (iii) Following the request at the last meeting a report titled 'Vanguard Update' has been added as an unallocated item to the work programme.

RISK ASSESSMENT

4. There are no significant risk considerations in relation to this report

CONCLUSION

5. The Board is now invited to Review its work programme for 2017/18.

Background Papers:

Reference Papers:

Appendices:

Appendix A – Scrutiny Board Draft Work Programme 2017/18

Appendix B – Progress on Actions Since Last Meeting.

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SCRUTINY BOARD – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2017/18

DATE	SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM
18 May 2017	<p>Review of Work Programme 2017/18</p> <p>Receive Minutes of Meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels</p> <p>Presentation by Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich on the Review of Police Performance in Hampshire</p>
29 June 2017	<p>Review of Work Programme 2017/18</p> <p>Presentation by, and questioning of, Two Saints</p> <p>Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels</p>
14 September 2017	<p>Review of Work Programme 2017/18</p> <p>Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources</p> <p>Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels</p>
23 November 2017	<p>Review of Work Programme 2017/18</p> <p>Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Health and Public Protection</p> <p>Review of the Corporate Strategy and Corporate Priorities</p> <p>Review of the Medium Term Finance Strategy</p> <p>Receive the minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels</p>
11 January 2018	<p>Preliminary overall review of work programme 2017/18 and draft 2018/19</p> <p>Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2018/19</p> <p>Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2018/19</p> <p>Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels</p>
22 March 2018	<p>Final review of work programme 2017/18 and draft work programme 2018/19</p> <p>Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Streetscene</p>

	Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels
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Items to be assigned:

- Vanguard Update

SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING**APPENDIX B**

Date of Meeting	Subject	Type of Item	Action by Board	Outcome	Link Officer
18 May 2017	Presentation by Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich on the review of Police Performance in Hampshire	Scrutiny	<p>The Chairman announced that this item would be moved up on the agenda ahead of the item on the Board's work programme.</p> <p>The Board welcomed Chief Inspector Sharon Woolrich to the meeting who gave a verbal presentation on the recent review of the performance of Hampshire Police.</p> <p>She informed the Board that the results of the inspection undertaken by HMIC (Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary) were published on 1 March 2017, and had attracted some negative press coverage.</p> <p>The (PEEL) inspection focused on three key areas; Police Effectiveness; Efficiency; Legitimacy.</p> <p>Hampshire received a good grade in the efficiency inspection, which focused on the forces ability to meet the financial challenges of an ever decreasing budget, whilst continuing too ensure that the public is kept safe and crime is reduced.</p>	Completed	Paul Doran / Richard Jolley

			<p>The inspection into the effectiveness of the force highlighted 4 areas of concern. These were, the handling of domestic abuse cases via telephone, the outcomes to domestic abuse, outcome 16, and the force's usage of outcomes in general.</p> <p>At the time of the inspection the arrest rate for domestic abuse cases was 25%, however by the time the results of the inspection were published this figure had increased to 40% and currently it stands at 46%. Chief Inspector Woolrich advised that part of the cause of the previous decrease in performance was explained by the restructuring of the force that took place due to the efficiency savings that needed to be made due to the reduced government funding. Now that the restructure is in place, attention has been refocused on those areas needing attention.</p> <p>In regards to the concern over the telephone resolutions of domestic abuse cases, the Board were informed that this only concerned minor cases such as a minor argument, and not more severe cases. The Board were given examples of minor incidents that had occurred when a telephone resolution had been used. Following guidance from the HMIC every report incident of domestic abuse, regardless of the severity, is now</p>		
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			<p>deployed to.</p> <p>Another issue highlighted was the reporting of the outcomes of cases. Officers have now been provided with training on this and the reporting of these outcomes is now more efficient, with more details being provided such as arrest, caution, fixed penalty notices. The inspection highlighted that there was a need for training throughout the force for a better understanding of all of the outcomes, and how they can be used.</p> <p>She concluded by informing the Board that overall the inspection was extremely positive for Hampshire Police, and whilst a few areas had been identified for improvement, these are already being implemented.</p> <p>At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Cartwright, Executive Member for Health and Public Protection, addressed the Board on this item.</p> <p>Chief Inspector Woolrich was thanked for her extremely informative presentation.</p>		
	Review of the Work Programme	Review	<p>The Panel considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for 2017/18.</p> <p>Members attention was drawn to</p>		Paul Doran

			<p>paragraph 3 of the report which highlighted the changes to the work programme since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Members were given the opportunity to put forward suggestions for any additional items they would like included onto the work programme. Councillor Ford requested that an item on an update to the progress made to Vanguard and the future projects that will be coming forward, be included onto the work programme.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Board, subject to the inclusion of the item on Vanguard Update, note the work programme for 2017/18.</p>		
	Receive the Minutes of Meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels	Review	<p>The Board was asked to review the minutes of the Policy Development and Review Panels held since 1 March 2017.</p> <p>(1) Minutes of meeting Tuesday, 7 march 2017 of Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel</p> <p>The Chairman of the Public Protection Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor M J Ford, JP was invited to present the minutes of the meeting held on 7 March 2017.</p> <p>It was AGREED the minutes be received.</p>	Completed.	Paul Doran

			<p>(2) Minutes of meeting Thursday, 9 March 2017 of Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel</p> <p>The Vice-Chairman of the Housing Policy Development and Review Panel, Councillor B Bayford, was invited to present the minutes of the Health and Housing Policy Development and Review Panel meeting held on 9 March 2017.</p> <p>It was AGREED the minutes be received.</p>	Completed.	Paul Doran
	Executive Business	Review	<p>The Chairman invited members to indicate if they wished to consider any other item of business dealt with by the Executive since the last meeting of the Board.</p> <p>Members asked questions regarding item 3 of the Executive minutes from the meeting held on 3 April 2017, specifically in relation to the various funding streams that the Council will be bidding for in relation to Welborne. The Director of Planning and Regulation explained to the</p>	Completed	Richard Jolley

			<p>Board that some of these funding streams are likely to become more readily accessible to the Council (and other parties with a delivery role) since Welborne has gained the Garden Village status. However, some of these funding streams will potentially also be available to the Council in relation to general housing development. He also advised that, in conjunction with the review of the Housing Strategy, the Council would be exploring all possible additional funding streams for the Council to bid against, for use for general housing developments.</p>		
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