

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Scrutiny Board

**Date**                    **25 June 2015**

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

**Subject:**              **SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

#### **SUMMARY**

Items for the draft work programme of the Board for the year were agreed by the Board at its meeting on 19 March 2015 and endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 23 April 2015.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is now invited to further review the work programme for 2015/16.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the meeting of the Board on 19 March 2015, members agreed items for the draft work programme of the Board for the current year, 2015/16. The work programme was subsequently confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 23 April 2015. The Board's work programme is set out in Appendix A to this report.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

## **CONCLUSION**

3. The Board is now invited to further review its work programme for 2015/16.

### **Background Papers:**

None.

### **Reference Papers:**

None.

### **Enquiries:**

For further information on this report please contact Andrew Wannell (Ext 4620).

| <b><u>SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING</u></b> |  |                     |  | <b>APPENDIX A</b> |                     |
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| <b>Date of Meeting</b>  | <b>Subject</b>   | <b>Type of Item</b> | <b>Action by Board</b>   | <b>Outcome</b>    | <b>Link Officer</b> |
| 19 March 2015   | Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources |                     | <p>The Board received a presentation by the Executive Member for Policy and Resources on the performance of services within the Policy and Resources portfolio over approximately the last two years and on future plans. The presentation included details of services relating to Housing Benefits, Democratic Representation, Commercial Estates, Neighbourhood Working, Public Relations and Consultation, Corporate Management, Economic Development, Local Land Charges and Local Tax Collection.</p> <p>The Executive Member for Policy and Resources answered members' questions concerning the presentation.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Executive Member for Policy and Resources be thanked for his presentation.</p> |                   | Andrew Wannell      |

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|  | Final Review of Work Programme for 2014/15 and Draft for 2015/16 | programming | <p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for 2014/15 and suggested a draft work programme for 2015/16.</p> <p>It was AGREED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(a) the outcome of the work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix A to the report, be noted;</li><li>(b) the Council be informed that the Board considers that the call-in procedure is operating satisfactorily and that there are no reasons to suggest that the arrangements should be amended for 2015/16;</li><li>(c) the officers be requested to contact the Department of Work and Pensions to enquire about the circumstances relating to the imminent closure of the training centre for the unemployed if Fareham and what arrangements were being put in place for those currently attending the centre to continue their training elsewhere;</li><li>(d) if appropriate, the officers be</li></ul> |  | Andrew Wannell |
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|  |  |  | <p>requested to invite the Department of Work and Pensions to send representatives to the Board meeting on 25 June 2015 for a question and answer session on the matter and, possibly, the partnership concerning the universal credit system that the Council would be required to sign later in 2015;</p> <p>(e) if the invitation referred to in (c) above was accepted, an item be added to the work programme for 21 May 2015 for the Board to consider a scoping report on the question and answer session with the Department of Work and Pensions;</p> <p>(f) any concerns about patient transport services should be referred to the Executive Member for Health and Housing for onward transmission to the Clinical Commissioning Group;</p> <p>(g) information about how the police dealt with drug cases related to homelessness be addressed to the Community Safety Partnership;</p> <p>(h) any further suggestions for items</p> |  |  |
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|  |  |  | <p>to be added to the work programme for 2015/16 be e-mailed to the Chairman, with a copy to the Director of Finance and Resources;</p> <p>(i) subject to (c), (d) and (e) above, the draft work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix B to the report, be approved; and</p> <p>(j) the draft work programme for 2015/16, as shown in Appendix A to these minutes, be submitted to the Council for endorsement</p> |  |  |
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**SCRUTINY BOARD – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16**

| <b>DATE</b>       | <b>SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM</b>  |
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| 21 May 2015       | Meeting cancelled   |
| 25 June 2015      | Review of the work programme 2015/16<br><br>Scoping Report on question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership (proposed)<br><br>Annual Report on the Performance of the Fareham Community Safety Partnership |
| 17 September 2015 | Review of draft Medium Term Finance Strategy<br><br>Review of the work programme 2015/16<br><br>Question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership  |
| 19 November 2015  | Presentation by, and questioning of, an Executive member<br><br>Review of the work programme 2015/16<br><br>Presentation by, and questioning of, an Executive member  |
| 14 January 2016   | Preliminary overall review of work programme 2015/16 and draft 2016/17<br><br>Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2016/17<br><br>Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2016/17         |
| 17 March 2016     | Presentation by, and questioning of, an Executive member<br><br>Final review of work programme for 2015/16 and draft for 2016/17.   |

Items to be assigned:

- Review of the implementation of the universal credit system and its impact on the residents of Fareham
- Minutes of meetings of the Portchester Crematorium Joint Committee (as appropriate)