

# FAREHAM

## BOROUGH COUNCIL

### Report to Scrutiny Board

**Date**                    **15 September 2016**

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

**Subject:**               **REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17**

#### **SUMMARY**

Items for the draft work programme of the Board for the year were agreed by the Board at its meeting on 17 March 2016 and endorsed by the Council at its meeting on 28 April 2016. The Board reviewed the work programme at its last meeting on 23 June 2016.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Board is now invited to further review the work programme for 2016/17.

## **INTRODUCTION**

1. At the meeting of the Board on 17 March 2016, members agreed items for the draft work programme of the Board for the current year, 2016/17. The work programme was subsequently confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 28 April 2016 and reviewed at the last meeting of the Board on 23 June 2016. 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 report titled 'Review of the Medium Term Finance Strategy' has been moved from this meeting to the 24 November 2016 meeting; and
  - (ii). The report titled 'Review of Corporate Strategy & Corporate Priorities' has been moved from this meeting to the 12 January 2017 meeting.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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

## **CONCLUSION**

5. The Board is now invited to further review its work programme for 2016/17.

### **Background Papers:**

### **Reference Papers:**

### **Enquiries:**

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

## SCRUTINY BOARD – DRAFT WORK PROGRAMME 2016/17

DATE	SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM
19 May 2016	Review of Work Programme 2016/17  Presentation from Head of Project Integra  Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels
23 June 2016	Review of Work Programme 2016/17  Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Health and Housing  Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels
15 September 2016	Review of Work Programme 2016/17  Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels
24 November 2016	Review of Work Programme 2016/17  Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Leisure and Community  Review of the Medium Term Finance Strategy  Receive the minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels
12 January 2017	Preliminary overall review of work programme 2016/17 and draft 2017/18  Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2017/18  Review of Corporate Strategy and Corporate Priorities  Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2017/18  Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels
16 March 2017	Final review of work programme 2016/17 and draft work programme 2017/18  Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Planning and Development  Receive minutes of meetings of Policy Development and

Review Panels
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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)

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

<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>
23 June 2016	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Health and Housing	Scrutiny	<p>The Board received a presentation by Councillor Mrs K Mandry, Executive Member for Health and Housing, on the areas of responsibility that fall within the Health and Housing Portfolio remit.</p> <p>The presentation gave an overview of the areas of service within the portfolio, providing details on how the service was performing, any achievements made and the key priorities for the future. These services included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Health Services</li><li>• Tenancy Services</li><li>• Responsive Repairs</li><li>• Housing Options</li><li>• Private Sector Housing</li><li>• New Developments</li></ul> <p>At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs Trott addressed the Board on this item and raised the issue of homelessness, and enquired how the Council are looking to handle this in the future. The Head of Housing, Revenue and Benefits addressed the Board and explained the challenges that they face in trying to tackle this issue, with the biggest</p>		

			<p>challenge being that a large number of people who are homeless are choosing to sleep rough and do not want the help of the Council as there is an expectation that by accepting support they will agree to taking help to combat drug/alcohol/mental health issues and they are not ready for this. She also informed the Board that the Homelessness Strategy will be reviewed next year and time will be given to looking into the issue of homelessness and how it can be tackled.</p> <p>Councillor Mrs Mandry further addressed the Board and offered all new members the opportunity to have a visit to the newly completed Collingwood Court.</p> <p>It was AGREED that Councillor Mrs K Mandry, Executive Member for Health and Housing be thanked for her informative presentation.</p>	Complete	Paul Doran
	Minutes of Meetings of Policy Development and Review Panels	Scrutiny	<p>The Board was asked to receive the minutes of the meetings of the Policy Development and Review Panels held since 1 March 2016.</p> <p><b>(1) Minutes of Meeting Tuesday, 1 March 2016 of Planning and Development Policy Development and Review Panel</b></p> <p>The Chairman of the Planning and Development Policy Development and</p>	Complete	Andrew Wannell



			<p>present the minutes of the meeting held on 8 March 2016.</p> <p>Councillor Bayford asked for clarification as to where the two Air Quality Monitoring Areas were within the Borough, and was informed by the Director of Planning and Regulation that they were in Hartlands Road and Gosport Road.</p> <p>Councillor Ford also referred to the same minute item from the previous minutes but in relation to the Panel's question on how many Hybrid cars there were currently within the Borough. He informed the Board that as of March 2016 there were 17 Hybrid Cars within the Borough.</p> <p>It was AGREED the minutes be received.</p>	Complete	
	Review of the Board's Work Programme	Review	<p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources which reviewed the Board's work programme for 2016/17.</p> <p>Councillor Ms Pankhurst requested that the unallocated report on Universal Credit be added on to the work programme. The Head of Housing Revenue and Benefits informed the Board that a report on this will be going to the Health and Housing Panel, but at present does not feel that it needs to come before the Scrutiny Board yet as it is still in the early stages and is only being applied for a very small number of people, it is anticipated that it</p>		Andrew Wannell



			<p>will be another 5 years until it is fully rolled out across the Borough. It was agreed therefore to leave the item as unallocated until such time that there is more information to report to the Board.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the work programme for 2016/17 be approved.</p>	Complete	
	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>Councillor Cunningham referred to the report on Local Governance in Hampshire which was presented to the Executive on 6 June 2016. He enquired as to whether all members will be briefed on details of this and the devolution bid.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the Director of Finance and Resources ensured that the Chief Executives recent "E-bulletin" which outlined the progress on the Devolution Bid and the Local Governance in Hampshire review be circulated to all members.</p>	<p>A copy of the E-Bulletin containing information regarding the Local Governance in Hampshire was distributed to all members via email.</p>	Andrew Wannell