

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report to Scrutiny Board

Date **20 November 2014**

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

Subject: **SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

SUMMARY

Items for the draft work programme of the Board for the year were agreed by the Board at its meeting on 20 March 2014 and confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 24 April 2014. The work programme for 2014/15 was further reviewed by the Board at its meetings on 3 July 2014 and 25 September 2014.

RECOMMENDATION

The Board is now invited to further review the work programme for 2014/15.

INTRODUCTION

1. At the meeting of the Board on 20 March 2014, members agreed items for the draft work programme of the Board for the current year, 2014/15. The work programme was subsequently confirmed by the Council at its meeting on 24 April 2014 and reviewed by the Board at its meetings on 3 July 2014 and 25 September 2014. 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 2014/15 and to endorse the decision to move 'Presentation by, and questioning of, the Executive Member for Planning and Development' from 20 November 2014 to 22 January 2015.

Background Papers:

None.

Reference Papers:

None.

Enquiries:

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

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DATE	SCRUTINY BOARD ITEM
5 June 2014	Meeting cancelled.
3 July 2014	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Leisure and Community Annual Report on the Performance of the Community Safety Partnership Review of the work programme 2014/15
25 September 2014	Review of Draft Medium Term Finance Strategy Review of the work programme 2014/15 Progress of Vanguard Programme
20 November 2014	Review of the work programme 2014/15 Review of Portchester Crematorium Operational Activity Community Action Team (CAT) Review
22 January 2015	Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Planning and Development Preliminary overall review of work programme 2014/15 and draft programme for 2015/16 Finance Strategy, Capital Programme, Revenue Budget and Council Tax 2015/16 Housing Revenue Account Budget and Capital Plans 2015/16
19 March 2015	Final review of work programme for 2014/15 and draft for 2015/16 Presentation by, and Questioning of, the Executive Member for Policy and Resources

Items to be assigned:

- Scoping Report on question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
- Question and answer session with Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
- 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)

<u>SCRUTINY BOARD WORK PROGRAMME - PROGRESS SINCE LAST MEETING</u>				APPENDIX A	
Date of Meeting	Subject	Type of Item	Action by Board	Outcome	Link Officer
25 September 2014	Review of Draft Medium Term Finance Strategy	monitoring	<p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Review of the Draft Medium Term Finance Strategy. (sb-140925-r01-nwo). Members were invited to consider the review of the Finance Strategy and to note that any comments would be reported to the Executive when the strategy document was submitted for consideration at the Executive meeting on 6 October 2014.</p> <p>The Management and Financial Accounting Manager presented the report and he, the Director of Finance and Resources and the Director of Planning and Development answered members' questions thereon.</p> <p>It was AGREED that:-</p> <p>(a) the Executive be advised that the Board had requested that the papers for consideration at the December Executive meeting should include information to illustrate the implications of a</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Executive on 6 October 2014:</p> <p>7(5) Scrutiny Board – 25 September 2014:</p> <p><u>Minute 6 – Review of Draft Medium Term Finance Strategy</u></p> <p>It was AGREED that:-</p> <p>a) the Executive be advised that the Board had requested that the papers for consideration at the December Executive meeting should include information to illustrate the implications of a possible rise in Council Tax set</p>	Neil Wood

			<p>possible rise in Council Tax set against the current level of freeze grant available and whether or not it continued; and</p> <p>(b) the papers also include details of the approximate cost to the Council if it had to arrange a referendum about a possible Council Tax increase in excess of 1.99%.</p>	<p>against the current level of freeze grant available and whether or not it continued</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Executive notes the Board's comments</p>	
	<p>Progress Report on the Vanguard Project</p>	<p>monitoring</p>	<p>The Board considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the progress of the Vanguard Project. (sb-140925-r03-lan). Members were invited to consider the report and to note that any comments would be reported to the Executive when it considered the report at its meeting on 6 October 2014.</p> <p>Reference was made to a training session for members of the Council on the Vanguard Project which had been held prior to the meeting.</p> <p>The Head of Corporate Services presented the report and she, the Chief Executive Officer and the Director of Finance and Resources answered members' questions thereon.</p> <p>It was AGREED that the report be noted.</p>	<p>At the meeting of the Executive on 6 October 2014:</p> <p>Vanguard Update</p> <p>At the invitation of the Executive Leader, Councillor P W Whittle, JP addressed the Executive on this item.</p> <p>RESOLVED that the Executive agrees:</p> <p>(a) that progress on the implementation of the Vanguard method be noted; and</p> <p>(b) that £30,000 of the</p>	<p>Lindsey Ansell</p>

				savings already achieved through this initiative be recirculated (through the Housing Revenue Account) to fund a further intervention into Tenancy Services.	
	Review of the Board's Work Programme	programming	<p>The Panel considered a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Board's work programme for 2014/15 (sb-140925-r02-awa).</p> <p>It was AGREED that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) it be noted that Community Action Team (CAT) Review had been moved from 25 September 2014 to 20 November 2014; (b) the programme items as set out in Appendix B to the report be confirmed; and (c) the progress on actions since the last meeting, as set out in Appendix B to the report, be noted. 	Complete.	Andrew Wannell