

ENVIRONMENT AND HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

4 SEPTEMBER 2007

ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY

This report invites the Committee to confirm its future work programme.

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Scrutiny Committees are invited to review the Council's Forward Plan at each meeting and may request that certain items be submitted to them before the Executive is scheduled to take a final decision. A copy of the Forward Plan for the period September to December 2007 is attached as Annex I to this report. It is anticipated that Members will only wish to consider major items with significant policy dimensions.
- 1.2 Members also need to appreciate that the Forward Plan sets out the dates on which the Executive proposes to take decisions on various issues. Any request by a Scrutiny Committee to consider a matter prior to the Executive should not delay this scheduled decision date without the agreement of the Leader of the Council or the Executive itself. In certain cases, Members also need to recognise that Officers may not be able to prepare a report in time for an earlier Scrutiny Committee.
- 1.3 In requesting to consider "Executive" reports from the Forward Plan, it is also important that the Scrutiny Committees do not neglect the development of their own distinct work programmes.

2. ENVIRONMENT & HOUSING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1 At present, the following items are scheduled for consideration by this Committee:-

6 November 2007

- (a) Service & Financial Planning: Presentation on Affordable Housing
- (b) Best Value Performance Indicators
- (c) Concessionary Bus Fares
- (d) Service & Financial Planning: Policy & Design
- (e) Service & Financial Planning: Development Control
- (f) Service & Financial Planning: Street Cleansing
- (g) Sheltered Housing Business Plan (E)
- (h) Telecare Services (E)
- (i) North Street Environmental Improvements (E)
- (j) Chilworth Gunpowder Mills (E)

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- (k) Best Value Performance Indicators
- (l) Guildford Railway Station Redevelopment
- (m) Supported Housing Provision for Young People
- (n) Kitchen Waste Collection Trial
- (o) Parking Business Plan (E)
- (p) Interim Special Protection Areas Avoidance Strategy (E)
- (q) Climate Change Strategy: Approval for Public Consultation (E)
- (r) Review of Tenants' Compact (E)

22 January 2008

- (s) Service & Financial Planning
- (t) Housing Capital Programme (E)
- (u) Guildford Development Framework: Town Centre Area Action Plan (E)
- (v) Planning Appeals
- (w) Service & Financial Planning: Meals on Wheels Service
- (x) Private Sector Housing: Outcome of House Condition Survey (E)

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- (y) Best Value Performance Indicators
- (z) Best Value Compendium Data
- (aa) Climate Change Strategy: Approval of Strategy (E)

May 2008

- (bb) Report of the Leader of the Council
- (cc) Service & Financial Planning
- (dd) Best Value Performance Indicators
- (ee) Review of Scrutiny (E)

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- (ff) Best Value Performance Indicators
- (gg) Slyfield Area Action Plan (E)

Key: (E) - Items with recommendations to the Executive.

- 2.2 The Chairman has also suggested that the Committee receive a presentation by Surrey County Council at its meeting on 22 January 2007 on its waste management contract with SITA
- 2.3 Members are requested to give consideration to potential additional items and to notify the Chairman and Democratic Services Unit prior to the meeting so that Officers can consider the items and the Chairman is able to collate similar requests and report these orally to the Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Members are invited to review the topics included within the Committee's current work programme.

Background Papers:

Report to Environment Scrutiny Committee on 26 January 2004 (Minute No. 615)
Guildford Borough Council Forward Plan (September 2007 to December 2007)

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