

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 11 MARCH 2014

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SCRUTINY

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *none*

Purpose/Summary of Report

- To review and determine the Community Scrutiny Committee's future work programme

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:

That:

- A) that the work programme detailed in this report be agreed

1.0 Background

1.1 Items previously required, identified or suggested for the Community Scrutiny work programme are set out in **Essential Reference Paper B**.

1.2 To support members in their consideration of housing related matters, in the reading of committee reports and in discussions with officers/partners a quick reference guide has been compiled of the frequently used abbreviations and acronyms. **Essential Reference Paper C** is attached to this report and will be updated as new terminology appears and comes into common usage. Please let the Scrutiny Officer know of any terms you think should be corrected or added to the list.

2.0 Report

2.1 The draft agenda for the first meeting of 2014/15 for Community Scrutiny Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper B**.

Members are asked whether there is any additional topic they wish to put forward for inclusion on this, or any future agenda.

- 2.2 The 'Update on actions under the Ageing Well agenda' report has been moved from today's March meeting to the first meeting in the new civic year. This will allow for a fuller review to be undertaken on current projects (for year ending 31 March) and for outlines of new/future projects to be prepared in more detail. This will give Members a more complete picture of the wider situation.
- 2.3 Within the terms of the Police and Justice Act 2006, Community Scrutiny is designated the crime and disorder committee for this authority. The Crime and Disorder (Overview and Scrutiny) Regulations 2009, states that "*a crime and disorder committee shall meet to review or scrutinise decisions made, or other action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions as the committee considers appropriate but no less than once in every twelve month period*". No qualifying item is scheduled as yet for 2014/15.
- 2.4 Members will have an opportunity to undertake a full review of the 2013/14 scrutiny year and set out more detailed plans for 2014/15 at a workshop event on Tuesday 25 March 2014.
- 3.0 Implications/Consultations
- 3.1 Information on any corporate issues and consultation associated with this report can be found within **Essential Reference Paper 'A'**.

Background Papers: None

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