

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 27 SEPTEMBER 2016

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SCRUTINY

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: none

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

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

<b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u></b>	
<b>(A)</b>	the work programme shown in this report be agreed
<b>(B)</b>	the Community Scrutiny Committee on 22 Nov 2016 be cancelled.

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 work plan for 2016/17 meetings of Community Scrutiny Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper B**. The timing of some items shown may have to change depending on availability of essential data (eg from central government).

- 2.2 The 'Markets' function within the authority has moved into the new Operations Department under a new Head of Service. With this change of management, a full and much more detailed 'options appraisal' is now being carried out but the outcome will not be ready in time for the November meeting of this committee. The report on this topic has been rescheduled to 28 March 2017 meeting.
- 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 2016/17.
- 2.4 Following discussions with the Chairman, the committee is invited to consider the suggested topic below for inclusion on the work programme for March 2017:
- The evolving picture of town centre crime linked to the 'night time economy' (draft/working title)
- 2.5 Members are asked to review the agenda for 22 November 2016 where there is now only one verbal update item scheduled and no other substantive item listed. For the efficient and effective use of available resources, officers recommend cancelling this meeting.
- 2.6 Members are asked whether they wish to extend an invitation to one or more of the Executive members to attend the March 2017 meeting (or for just a specific agenda item).
- 2.7 Members are asked whether there is any training relevant to scrutiny or to the function/remit of Community Scrutiny as a committee which they would like to have arranged. This could be done as a separate session open to all scrutiny members or as an item on a future Community Scrutiny agenda (as appropriate).
- 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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