

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 20 NOVEMBER 2012

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: *none*

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**Purpose/Summary of Report**

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

<p><b><u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u></b> that the work programme detailed in this report be agreed</p>
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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**.

2.0 Report

2.1 An article explaining the role of scrutiny and inviting suggestions from residents was published in the spring 2012 'council tax' edition of LINK magazine. No new topics for scrutiny have been received from the public to date.

2.2 The timing of some housing related reports coming to this committee had to be rescheduled to fit with external pressures such as public/partner consultation periods.

2.3 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.

- 2.4 This committee has the responsibility to receive a Crime and Disorder report at least once per year. The first election for a Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) will have been held by the time of this committee meeting. The new post holder will now have to translate his/her manifesto into actions for 2013/14 onwards. By the time of this committee's next meeting on 12 March 2013 the plans and supporting budget for the coming year will be clearer. It is suggested that an agenda item discussing the plans and potential impact on community safety in the district be included on the agenda. Members are asked to confirm whether they would also like to extend an invitation to Cllr Alexander to join the March meeting in his capacity as East Herts representative on the Police and Crime Panel (PCP) - which is the scrutiny body overseeing the PCC.
- 2.5 Members are asked to indicate what focus they wish to have for scrutiny when the leisure contractor (SLM) attends in March 2013. If any specific information is required by the committee as part of the scrutiny process, a briefing paper needs to be sent in advance to allow SLM time to prepare their presentation.
- 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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