

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 19 MARCH 2013

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

9. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

- To review and determine Corporate Business Scrutiny (CBS) Committee's future work programme.

<u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:</u> That	
(A)	The work programme detailed in this report be agreed.

1.0 Background

1.1 Items previously required, identified or suggested for the CBS 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 were received during the year from external sources. A new item for inclusion in spring 2013 edition of LINK is being drafted. Ideas for this draft from any member of the Committee can be given to the Scrutiny Officer.

2.2 There will be a workshop in April for all scrutiny members to evaluate the work of the scrutiny committees (and Health and Wellbeing Panel) during 2012/13 and to plan for the coming year. All topics proposed during this planning phase will be offered to the relevant scrutiny committee at their first meeting in the new civic year for consideration for the 2013/14 work programme.

2.3 Using the same model introduced by the Audit Committee, some essential training for members (in respect of their particular role on CBS) has been scheduled as part of some meetings during 2013/14. The first session on Data Protection Governance was agreed by members at the last meeting. Members are now asked to agree to another session in the autumn designed to outline the new and changing landscape of local government finance in advance of the next budget setting cycle.

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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