

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 2 JULY 2013

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF CORPORATE BUSINESS SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE

6. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: ALL

Purpose/Summary of Report:

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

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| <u>RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION: That</u> | |
| (A) | The work programme detailed in this report be agreed. |
| (B) | Two Members from Corporate Business Scrutiny Committee be identified to work with Officers to review the relevance of the Performance Indicators. |

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 2013 'council tax' edition of LINK magazine. No new topics for scrutiny have been received from the public to date.

2.2 At the last meeting of this committee, members requested two briefing papers be presented in order to inform discussions on proposed future scrutiny topics. These are attached here as:

- **Essential Reference Paper C** – List of East Herts Assets
- **Essential Reference Paper D** – Current activity in support of economic development

- 2.3 Members are asked to indicate whether they wish to 'scope' a more detailed review on either of these topics for their 2013/14 work programme. The scoping checklist is attached here as **Essential Reference Paper E**.
- 2.4 **Performance Indicators:** The Executive on 4 June 2013 requested the three scrutiny committees review the relevance of their performance indicators. The request was made following the presentation of the 2012/13 Outturn report. The Executive were keen for the scrutiny committees to assess the usefulness of their performance indicators and determine if any new measures need to be introduced to help support the delivery of the council's priorities.
- 2.5 Officers propose that a short review is held during summer and early autumn so that findings and recommendations can be discussed at each scrutiny meeting scheduled in November 2013.
- 2.6 It is suggested that each committee selects two representatives to work with the Performance Team on this piece of work. One representative could be the vice chairman and the other, an interested member.
- 2.7 Each committee will focus on the performance indicators relevant to their terms of reference, with the overall corporate position being presented to all members in February 2014 at the Joint Scrutiny meeting.
- 2.8 Any recommendations from this review will be discussed by the Executive on 4 March 2014 and if approved will be applied from 2014/15 onwards.
- 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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