

EAST HERTS COUNCIL

COMMUNITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE: 23 SEPTEMBER 2014

REPORT BY CHAIRMAN OF COMMUNITY SCRUTINY

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

WARD(S) AFFECTED: none

Purpose/Summary of Report

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

RECOMMENDATION FOR DECISION:

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(A)	the work programme shown 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 2014/15 meetings of Community Scrutiny Committee is shown in **Essential Reference Paper B**. Members are asked whether they wish to extend an invitation to one or more

of the Executive members to attend a particular meeting or for a specific agenda item.

- 2.2 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”*.
- 2.3 The new powers arising from the Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014 come into play on 20 October 2014 and will significantly change how agencies can address ASB.
- 2.4 Members have been informed of four multi-agency briefings taking place to outline these new powers. These were made available to all agencies in the local Community Safety Partnership and the Joint Action Group.
- 2.5 Members are asked if they will accept a new agenda item on this committee’s 10 March 2015 meeting:
- Implementation of ASB, Crime and Policing Act (outline of new powers and a report on their use since 20 Oct 2014).
- 2.6 This will give four months of data to scrutinise and meet the requirements set out in paragraph 2.2 above.
- 2.7 Members are asked whether there is any additional topic they wish to put forward for inclusion on any future agenda.
- 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:

Task and Finish Group Report: Markets in East Herts
(Community Scrutiny Committee 27 July 2010: agenda item 8)

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