

COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, 11 September 2017 at 1.30 pm in the Bridges Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Sheena Ramsey

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GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL
COMMUNITIES AND PLACE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
MEETING

Monday, 19 June 2017

PRESENT: Councillor N Weatherley (Chair)

Councillor(s): T Graham, L Caffrey, B Clelland, S Dickie, D Duggan, M Hood, H Haran, J McClurey, C McHugh, J Simpson, J Turnbull, A Wheeler, D Bradford and S Hawkins

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): D Davidson and K Dodds

CPL32 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the last meeting held on 24 April 2017 were approved as a correct record.

CPL33 CONSTITUTION

The constitution of the Committee and the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chair for the 2017/18 municipal year, as approved by the Council at its meeting on 12 May 2017, was noted.

RESOLVED – that the information be noted

CPL34 ROLE AND REMIT

The role of the Committee and the powers delegated to it were reported.

RESOLVED - that the information be noted.

CPL35 THE COUNCIL PLAN - YEAR END ASSESSMENT AND PERFORMANCE DELIVERY 2016-17

The Committee received a report and presentation on the Council Plan – Year End assessment of Performance and Delivery 2016/2017. An update on the performance and delivery of the Council Plan 2015-2020 was also provided.

Targets for 2020 were set as part of the Council's Performance Management Framework, for the period 2015/2016 to 2019/2020 to enable performance to be monitored to ensure continuous improvement. These targets were approved by Cabinet on 12 July 2016.

The year end 2016/2017 assessment of performance report relates to the remit of the Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee and focuses on achievements, areas identified for improvement and future actions.

The Committee asked officers specific questions relating to the indicators contained in the report, most of which were answered in the meeting, the remainder will be circulated in due course.

- RESOLVED -
- i) The Committee agreed that the activities undertaken at year end 2016/17 were achieving the desired outcomes in the Council Plan 2015-2020
 - ii) The Committee agreed that the report be referred to Cabinet on 18 July with the recommendations from this Overview and Scrutiny Committee for their consideration

CPL36 THE COUNCIL AND PARTNERS APPROACH TO ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

The Committee have agreed that the focus of its review in 2016-17 will be the role of the Council and its partners towards roads and highways. During the course of the review it is proposed that the Committee will consider evidence of the approach principally in the four areas of road safety/accidents, road and pavement repairs, bus lanes and traffic congestion.

It is proposed that the review will take place over a ten month period from 19 June 2017 to 13 April 2018. It will involve the presentation of expert evidence, research and may, if appropriate, also include site visits.

The suggested scope of this review includes a consideration of a number of factors affecting the road network, and its ability to meet the needs of residents and businesses in Gateshead now and in the future. The four areas proposed to be covered in the review are:-

- Road safety/accidents
- Road and pavement repairs
- Bus lanes
- Traffic congestion

Evidence will be sought from a variety of sources including Department, Transport and Public Protection and Street Scene. It is envisaged that external bodies from which evidence will be sought will include Highways England, NECA, the emergency services, Nexus and Go Ahead.

RESOLVED - that the scope, process and timescale of the Review of the Council and Partners' approach to roads and highways be agreed.

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TITLE OF REPORT: The Council's Approach to Roads and Highways – Funding and Repairs

REPORT OF: Paul Dowling, Strategic Director, Communities and Environment

SUMMARY

This evidence session will provide a summary of the overall approach to transport funding. It will then go on to a more detailed examination of the current position in relation to duties relating to highway maintenance. The format of the session will be an initial presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions and express views on the evidence presented.

Background

1. Vision 2030 sets out the 6 Big Ideas for Gateshead. Transport relates closely to the themes of “City of Gateshead”, “Sustainable Gateshead” and “Active and Healthy Gateshead”.
2. The Tyne and Wear Local Transport Plan, which sets out the transport policy framework for Gateshead, identifies three main challenges for the transport network:
 - Supporting economic development and regeneration;
 - Addressing climate change;
 - Supporting safe and sustainable communities.
3. Policy CS13 of the Gateshead/Newcastle Core Strategy seeks the enhancement and delivery of an integrated transport network to support sustainable development and economic growth through:
 - Promoting sustainable travel choices;
 - Improving the operation of the transport network and its wider connections;
 - Ensuring new development is located and designed to promote sustainable travel choices, minimise unnecessary car trips, and connect safely to the network.

Purpose of session

4. This evidence session is the first of four looking at the role of the Council and its partners in roads and highways. At the meeting on 19th June it was agreed this session would look at the matter of funding and repairs.
5. The format of the session will be an initial presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions and express views on the evidence presented.

Council officers from the Development, Transport and Public Protection and Street Scene services will be in attendance to respond to any queries.

6. Key lines of enquiry to consider include:

- How available funding can be used to best effect given the various restrictions on its provision and use;
- How the Council can meet its statutory duties relating to highway maintenance in the face of continuing budget pressures.

Recommendations

7. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is asked to

- provide their views on the evidence presented.

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TITLE OF REPORT: OSC Review on the impact of Gambling on the Borough

REPORT OF: Strategic Director, Communities and Environment

SUMMARY

The Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee carried out a review of the impact of gambling in Gateshead as part of the 2016/17 programme. This report provides the Committee with an update on progress with the recommendations made.

Background

1. The Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee carried out a review of the impact of gambling in Gateshead as part of the 2016/2017 programme.
2. The review drew on local and national evidence focusing on:
 - **Gambling in Gateshead** – the distribution, types and number of premises licensed for gambling and how this has changed over time; the types of gambling taking place in the borough
 - **The legal framework for regulation of gambling and the role of the regulators** - the Gambling Act 2005 and the respective roles of the Gambling Commission and Gateshead Licensing Authority; the impact of other regulatory regimes on gambling activity
 - **Local and national concerns about gambling** - evidence and observations from local and national regulators, operators, trade bodies, treatment providers, charities and public agencies
 - **Developing research evidence on gambling related harm** - a review of recent developments and best practice and how it can be used in Gateshead to minimise gambling related harm.
3. Four evidence gathering sessions of the OSC took place between September 2016 and January 2017. During the review the Committee heard evidence from:
 - Officers from Gateshead Council (including Licensing Officers, the Public Health Team, the Community Safety Team, and Safeguarding Adults)
 - The Gambling Commission - the body responsible for granting operating and personal licences for commercial gambling operators and personnel working in the industry

- Gamcare - an independent national charity providing information, advice, support and free counselling for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling.

4. The evidence gathering sessions identified the following issues:

- There are a relatively small number of premises licensed for gambling in Gateshead and the number of premises has remained largely stable since the Gambling Act 2005 came into force. They are however a prominent feature of the main shopping areas of the borough which is a common theme across the nation.
- It was recognised by the Committee that a huge amount of gambling goes on in the borough which is outside of the control of the Council as licensing authority including the National Lottery, scratch cards and online gambling. The potential amount of money that goes out of the borough through this route is a matter of concern. The amount of promotion and advertising of gambling on television is also a matter of concern.
- The review highlighted the increase in the prevalence of Fixed Odds Betting Terminals and identified that there are potentially 168 of these in Gateshead's 42 licensed betting premises. It also highlighted the concerns from many different bodies about these machines.
- The review examined the national debate around the limitations of the evidence available to establish causal links between FOBTs and problem gambling and addiction to gambling highlighted the wide range of initiatives, schemes, research and inquiries which are currently being carried out to further understand the concerns raised.
- The review examined the available data sources about problem and at-risk gambling and their relation to the borough of Gateshead. It also highlighted to members the known risk factors associated with problem and at-risk gambling and the kinds of harm they are more likely than other people to experience.
- Members were advised however that while a wide range of local agencies services and bodies were approached to provide evidence on the extent of gambling related harms in Gateshead there was simply none available. It is apparent that there does not currently exist a mechanism to record and measure problems caused by gambling in our local community, and none were able to provide local statistics about specific problems, nor the number of individuals or families affected by them.
- Members heard a presentation from Rob Burkitt, the lead for Shared Regulation and Better Regulation at the Gambling Commission. Rob set out the role of the Gambling Commission and an overview of it's priorities for 2016/2017. Members recognised the importance of the

working relationship between the Commission and the Council and were keen for it to continue.

- Members were informed about some work commissioned in 2015 by Westminster and Manchester Councils to explore what area-based vulnerability to gambling related harm might look like.
- Members received a presentation from the learning and development Manager of Gamcare an independent national charity providing information, advice, support and free counselling for the prevention and treatment of problem gambling.

Final recommendations of the OSC review .

5. The final recommendations of the OSC's review of the impact of gambling in Gateshead were:

- (1) The Council should use every opportunity to contribute to the national debate about the harms that can be caused by irresponsible and problem gambling.
- (2) The Council should continue to develop its productive working relationship with the Gambling Commission.
- (3) The Council should contribute to the continuing debate and proposed consultations on the harms associated with fixed odds betting terminals.
- (4) The Gambling Commission's introduction of Local Area Risk profiles represents a new opportunity for Gateshead Council to think more deeply about the protection of vulnerable people from gambling-related harm. The Council should develop Local Area Risk Profiles for the borough.
- (5) Gateshead Council as a licensing authority should examine the range of data available locally and evaluate how this can be used in Local Area Risk Profiles.
- (6) Gateshead Council as a licensing authority should also begin to consider what data and evidence is missing and establish closer working links with other services within the Council and with partner agencies to develop a better knowledge base and a better range of data
- (7) That further update reports be provided to the OSC on a regular basis.

Update on progress with the recommendations

6. Arrangements have been made for a meeting between the Gambling Commission and Gateshead Council as part of the Commission's ongoing engagement plan with local authorities. The focus of the meeting will be on Gateshead Council's approach to gambling matters including inspections and enforcement, what sort of issues the Elected members are concerned about, and the work plan for next year – in particular about the review of statement of

principles (ready for 2019). The date of this meeting is yet to be finalized but is likely to take place in late September or October.

7. Newcastle University have approached the Council looking for projects for their post grad planners to carry out starting October this year. We are currently in discussions with the University about a project involving research around gambling in Gateshead, possibly based on the framework presented in the Geofutures work commissioned in 2015 by Westminster and Manchester Councils to explore what area-based vulnerability to gambling related harm might look like.

Recommendation

8. The Committee is asked to note the progress that has been made.

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TITLE OF REPORT: Reducing Carbon Emissions - progress update

REPORT OF: Paul Dowling, Strategic Director of Communities and Environment

Summary

This report presents a progress report on initiatives to reduce carbon emissions within Gateshead Council, and the borough as a whole. Issues and challenges for further investigation are also suggested.

OSC is requested to note the progress made, and consider proposals for issues to be investigated further.

Background

The Sustainable Communities Place OSC has agreed that it receive annual progress reports on reducing carbon emissions, following on from its consideration of a carbon reduction case study within its work 2010-11 programme.

In Gateshead's Community Strategy, Vision 2030, Gateshead has targets to reduce energy and carbon emissions. The Gateshead Strategic Partnership has also adopted a Climate Change Strategy in March 2010, to deliver these targets, and the Council Plan 2012-2017 identifies "Reducing Carbon Emissions" as one of Gateshead's Strategic Needs, to be addressed through the Green Gateshead Strategic Intervention.

The Council also has its own Carbon Management Plan, adopted in March 2009, which is aiming to cut Council carbon emissions by 35%.

The Council has also made several public declarations on its aspirations to tackle climate change and reduce carbon emissions, as follows:

Nottingham Declaration on Climate Change
Eurocities Declaration on Climate Change
EU Covenant of Mayors

Previously, the OSC agreed that more needs to be done to achieve the above ambitious carbon emissions targets, and has reviewed this as case study in January 2011, and received progress report in April 2012, April 2013, April 2014, June 2015 and Sept 2016.

3 Reducing Carbon Emissions

The Energy Services Team within Communities and Environment group lead the Council's strategy for reducing carbon emissions, and co-ordinating programmes of carbon reduction initiatives. For clarity, the topic of reducing carbon emissions is split into two areas; Council carbon emissions, and community carbon emissions.

3.1 Reducing Council Carbon Emissions

Current position up to 2016/17

The Council's Carbon Management Plan was adopted in March 2009 and had a target of reducing Council carbon emissions by 35% by the end of 2016.

As of March 2017, actual greenhouse gas emissions from Gateshead Council operations fell again by almost 10%, and are now 35% lower than in 2007/8, meaning that Gateshead Council has achieved its target. Weather-corrected emissions are 34% lower - but with the further savings that are planned for 2017/18, we are confident both actual and weather corrected emissions will reduce further next year.

Approximately 7.5% of the reduction was due to actual energy consumption reducing. The further 2.5% was due to the carbon content of UK electricity continuing to fall as the amount of renewable electricity generation increases nationally.

In terms of energy consumption across all buildings and streetlights, the Council is using 27% less energy, than in 2007/8.

Notable progress is as follows

- Building energy consumption overall is now 23% lower than in 2007/8, with notable changes as follows:
 - Continued investment in energy efficiency, particular at leisure centre sites.
 - The first full year of operation of 2.2MW of solar PV panels across 34 sites.
- Streetlight consumption now stands at 59% less than in 2007/8, showing the significant effect of the continued streetlight upgrade works to date
- Fleet transport emissions have reduced further, now 27% less than in 2007/8.
- Landfill gas emissions have dropped significantly during 2016/17 and are now at 51% of 2007/8 levels, as a result of improved gas capture and flaring at a number of sites.

The financial benefit of the above is clear, with the reduced energy consumption over the past 9 years now avoiding £2.6m of increased energy costs on its combined annual energy bill to the Council, Schools and Gateshead Housing Company, which for the first time brings the Council's energy bill below what it was paying in 2007/8.

What has been achieved in 2016/17?

SALIX invest to save Fund

2016/17 project delivery focused on the completion of specific works in Gateshead Leisure Centre and the coordination of energy efficiency works with the District Energy Scheme. Projects included:

- Almost all lighting at Gateshead Leisure Centre is now LED, with a more consistent appearance. External bulkhead emergency lights no longer operate 24 hours
 - BMS optimization; bypass water boosters making them redundant; replace all heating pumps with Variable Speed Drive on demand led philosophy
- Priors Court, Warwick Court, Gateshead College, - BMS optimisation with Variable Speed Drive on demand led philosophy
- Sage Gateshead - BMS optimisation with Variable Speed Drive on demand led philosophy and HWS PHE conversion to full BMS control
- Civic Centre - BMS optimisation with Variable Speed Drive on demand led philosophy to zone heating pumps

Projects have been commissioned with some design works commenced in 2016/17 for:

- LED Lighting, BMS optimization, water tank bypass, H & V to sports hall at Gateshead International Stadium
- LED Streetlighting to South Shore Road + various Parks, Belisha beacons & crossings, Gateshead Millennium Bridge spotlights to LED
- Leam Lane MPB - LED lighting and various mechanical services works

In addition, energy efficiency works at schools and academies were completed:

- Interest-free loans have also been secured to progress energy efficiency works in 2016/17 at Bensham Grove Nursery.
- The Council completed further energy efficiency works and £500k asbestos removal for Joseph Swan Academy.

Projects commissioned to date will be saving the Council and schools

- Ca. £600k per annum
- Over 3400 tonnes of CO₂ per annum (which accounts for more than one third of all the reductions in carbon emissions to date)

Streetlighting upgrade

Between April 2016 and April 2017 an additional 989 residential street lighting columns were fitted with more efficient LED lanterns, completing the current phase of streetlight upgrades.

- 1200 main road lights, on strategically selected roads are switched off at midnight and switched back on at 5.30am each morning.
- 20,700 residential LED lanterns dimmed, switching on at 50% power, then reducing to 25% power from midnight until 5.30am, then back to 50% power.

Overall, the streetlighting upgrade has so far achieved the following

- A 59% reduction in electricity consumption, equivalent to at least £1m per annum in electricity costs at current rates (not including reduce maintenance costs, and inflation of electricity rates)
- Over 5,700 tonnes of CO2 per annum (equal to 12% cut in Council carbon emissions)

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Council transport

The Council Travel Plan (CTP) website is operational and provides easy access to information about public transport, staff discounts for public transport season tickets, corporate metro and bus passes, cycle loan or purchase, Co-wheels pool car information, etc - see www.travelsmartergateshead.co.uk. Two electric bikes (plus storage and charging facilities) (and 2 normal bikes) for staff business use are now available.

There are now 21 Co-wheels pool cars operating from the Civic Centre, with 2 at Shearlegs Road. This includes 3 electric cars. The pool cars are provided to reduce dependency by employees on use of private cars or additional purchase of a car purely for work purposes.

Future work and challenges

Ongoing work and challenges are as follows:

- Energy efficiency works in schools continue to be offered, but take up by schools is challenging, and availability of interest free loan finance is reducing, particularly for academies.
- Energy efficiency projects are focusing increasingly on LED lighting replacements, and it's expected that the pipeline of projects will continue for several years across operational buildings.
- 2017/18 will see further work on progressing connections of more Council buildings to the Town Centre District Energy scheme, in particular for Park Road, Shearlegs Road, Gateshead Leisure Centre, Central Library and Prince Consort Road.
- The Council had allocated up to £11m to invest in solar PV on Council buildings, schools and Council homes. However, new installations were halted from September 2015, due to the government issuing consultation regarding the future of Solar FITs. From January 2016, Feed in Tariffs were significantly reduced, making the case for installing solar PV less viable, and the weakening strength of the pound in recent months has increased the cost of some components. Whilst the Council is exploring potential further solar PV installations, installation costs need to come down considerably, before these become viable again

3.2. Reducing Community Carbon Emissions

Current position

We can report on 2 years progress of carbon emissions, having revised the timing of this report. Gateshead's carbon emissions fell again into 2015, by 3%, now standing at 33% less than in 2005.

The main cause of this decrease was significant reductions in both domestic emissions (3%) and employers emissions (5%) - this reduction happened despite winters being some 10% colder than previous years, and suggests weather corrected emissions will have reduced further.

Carbon emissions from traffic also continues to fall, and has dropped by 4.5% in 2015. This drop is the same as the drop in traffic volumes, suggesting that the no improvement in vehicle and fuel efficiency was seen in 2016.

What has been achieved in 2016/17?

Energy efficiency in homes:

The Council continued to working in partnership with Warm up North to deliver the following energy efficiency measures:

- Works to install External Wall Insulation to 213 Gateshead Council properties in Leam Lane and Heworth Grange were completed July 2016. Cost of this scheme £1.7m, with £180k grant funding supplied by British Gas.
- Improvements to 144 homes across 3 high rise blocks - Beacon, Lough and Fell Court - including new windows, External Wall Insulation and new roof covering. The scheme commenced May 2016 and was completed June 2017. Cost of this scheme £2.3m, with £445k grant funding provided by British Gas.
- In the Private Sector 155 surveys were undertaken, resulting in 52 SEDBUK A rated boilers being installed and 8 properties being fitted with loft insulation. In addition 11 properties received a SEDBUK A rated boiler under the Central Heating Fund Scheme.

Outside of Warm up North, the Council and the Gateshead Housing Company (TGHC) remains committed to improving energy efficiency across the social housing stock. During 2016/17, the following progressed:

- 143 boilers were renewed with modern A rated appliances, this improved the average SAP rating of the properties by 7.7 points.
- 161 homes had their single glazed timber windows replaced with modern efficient UPVC double glazed units, this improve the average SAP rating of the properties by 3.4 points.
- The Council secured a £4.5m ERDF grant to fund new district heat and power schemes to 621 high rise homes, in the Gateshead HEIGHTs scheme (High-rise Energy Infrastructure for Gateshead Housing Tenants). Detailed design of this scheme commenced in Jan 2017, alongside plans to replace windows / facades at those blocks as well.

- New District Heating substations have been installed at 4 locations in Gateshead, this will serve 384 residential flats with low carbon heating from the newly created Gateshead District Energy Scheme.

In terms of performance, as of March 2017, 56% of all homes in Gateshead now exceed the recommended energy efficiency rating (SAP = 65), compared to only 14% in 2003. Over 34,000 homes have been improved into the highest energy efficiency band.

District Energy Scheme

- Through 2016/17, the Council continued construction of the Gateshead Town Centre District Energy Network. From October 2016, the private wire network was commissioned, and 4 customers were connected - Sage Gateshead, BAL TIC, Gateshead College and the Civic Centre. In March 2017, the Gateshead Energy Centre was completed, and formally opened by the Energy Minister, Jesse Norman MP. Work to complete the district heating network continued, which was delayed by the need to divert a water main on Gateshead High St, but is due for completion in Autumn 2017, when the network will become fully operational.
- Other Progress since then includes:
 - In April 2016, Gateshead Energy Company was awarded the contract to operate the network for 40 years, and commenced trading in October 2016, when the first electrical customer was connected.
 - The Council has secured £0.9m of ERDF grant funding to extend the district energy network to the Gateshead Leisure Centre area. This will use a new type of plastic district heating pipe, which will be the first such installation in the UK.
 - Contractors have also been commissioned to start feasibility studies on District Energy schemes for the Metrocentre and Team Valley, which will be carried out from June 2016.

Transport

The Government supported 'Go Smarter To Work' initiative continued to promote sustainable travel promotion in the workplace. The initiative is focussed on the A1 corridor, including Team Valley, Metro Centre and central Newcastle/Gateshead, with Sustainable Travel Transition Year (STTY) funding. The NECA has not been successful in receiving further funding for Go Smarter from government so a legacy plan has been put in place this includes web material and the Go Smarter Business Network.

Separate funds (NSRI) have been secured to deliver the Schools Go Smarter programme in Gateshead. The profile of sustainable and active travel is much higher in schools as a result of the complementary initiatives, and cycling levels in many primary schools have risen markedly.

Local Transport Plan and other funding, continues to be used to give priority to promoting alternatives to the car. This includes a range of measures to improve the attractiveness of public transport, cycling and walking across Gateshead.

The Council successfully bid for an Air Quality Grant from DEFRA for the period 2016/17. This project will run until March 2018 and will introduce a range of measures aimed at reducing nitrogen dioxide in the town centre Air Quality Management area but which will have benefits to the wider area and also to CO2 levels. The measures are: the introductions of 4 electric vans to the Council fleet; replacing diesels vans; the introduction of 4 ultra low emission (2 x hybrid and 2 x electric) Co-wheel car club cars in the Saltwell/Low Fell areas; additional support for Schools Go Smarter; a review of taxi licensing policy designed to improve emissions levels; an additional stretch of cycle lane on Durham Road and real time monitoring of air quality and traffic signals.

Future work and challenges

- High-cost home energy efficiency measures, like solid wall insulation, still remains challenging to deliver for private and social housing, as the funding from the Energy Company Obligation (ECO) has been further reduced, making this measure unviable for social landlords or homeowners. Lower cost alternatives are being explored, through Warm up North.
- The challenge going forward is to seek more innovative ways to tackle the hard-to-heat property types - tower blocks, and solid wall housing - which still require gap-funding. Funding bids have been successful for tower block schemes, but it remains to be seen if these schemes can ever be delivered without grant support.
- It remains challenging for the Council to require new developments to reach energy standards higher than building regulations. In addition, in March 2015, the government scrapped the Code for Sustainable Homes, preferring to use Building Regulations to enforce the move to more sustainable housing.
- But opportunities remain still, and with the start of operation of the town centre District Energy Scheme, and approval of extensions to the network, which will further reduce carbon emissions whilst providing cost savings to private, public and domestic customers.
- The opportunity to deliver, and potentially expand, other energy schemes, at Team Valley, Metrocentre, and incorporating new battery storage technologies, continues to be explored, which offer opportunities to continue to reduce carbon emissions, save energy costs, whilst generating income for the Council, and attracting new businesses and sustainable housing to Gateshead, boosting economic and housing growth.

4. Recommendations

- OSC are requested to note and provide comments on the current position, progress made so far, and future work and challenges.
- OSC to receive a report at a future meeting on progress with those items identified

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TITLE OF REPORT: Annual Work Programme

REPORT OF: Sheena Ramsey, Chief Executive
Mike Barker, Strategic Director, Corporate Services and
Governance

Summary

The report sets out the provisional work programme for Communities and Place Overview and Scrutiny Committee for the municipal year 2017/18.

1. The Committee's provisional work programme was endorsed at the meeting held on 3 April 2017 and Councillors have agreed that further reports will be brought to future meetings to highlight current issues / identify any changes/additions to this programme.
2. Appendix 1 sets out the work programme as it currently stands. Any changes proposed to the programme will be set out in bold and italics for ease of identification.

Recommendations

3. The Committee is asked to
 - a) Note the provisional programme;
 - b) Note that further reports on the work programme will be brought to the Committee to identify any additional policy issues, which the Committee may be asked to consider.

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