

POLICY SCRUTINY GROUP – 13TH NOVEMBER 2018

Report of the Head of Strategic Support

ITEM 10 WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

To enable the Group to consider its work programme and propose to the Scrutiny Management Board any additions, deletions and amendments as appropriate.

Background

The Scrutiny Management Board agreed the Scrutiny Work Programme at its meeting held on 24th October 2018 and the section covering the Group is attached as Appendix 1. At the request of the Group, the Board submitted the Group's recommendations regarding the management and adoption of open space to the Cabinet. The Cabinet will consider the recommendations at its meeting on 15th November 2018.

The Board also added the following items to the Group's work programme:

- Housing Development Company – 13th November 2018
- Zero Waste Strategy – to be scheduled for after publication of the Government's Resources and Waste Strategy
- Customer Services Strategy – to be scheduled
- Housing Acquisition Policy – to be scheduled.

In addition there are a number of items in the Group's work programme which remain to be scheduled:

- Tenancy Strategy and Policy
- Houses in Multiple Occupation Accreditation Scheme
- Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing Policy.

The Houses in Multiple Occupation Accreditation Scheme and the Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing Policy items have been replaced in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions with an item on Discretionary Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing Scheme Options. This last item was identified as one that the Group wished to scrutinise at this meeting. However the timetable for preparing the report so that it can be considered by the Cabinet at its meeting on 13th December 2018 means that it will not be possible for the Group to do so. However the item has been identified by the Overview Scrutiny Group for pre-decision scrutiny.

The Tenancy Strategy and Policy will now be considered by the Cabinet on 17th January 2019. This is prior to the Group's next meeting on 5th February 2019. However the item could be identified by the Overview Scrutiny Group for pre-decision scrutiny.

An updated version of the Notice of Key Decisions and Decisions to be Taken in Private was published on 17th October 2018, and a copy is attached as Appendix 2.

Actions Requested

1. To note the changes made by the Scrutiny Management Board to the Group's work programme.
2. That the following items be deleted from the Group's work programme:
 - Tenancy Strategy and Policy
 - Houses in Multiple Occupation Accreditation Scheme
 - Houses in Multiple Occupation Licensing Policy.
3. To note the current position with the Group's work programme and the Notice of Key Decisions and Decisions to be Taken in Private, and to consider any changes that the Group wishes to make, or recommend that the Scrutiny Management Board makes, to its work programme.

Reasons

1. To acknowledge the decisions made by the Board.
2. The items, or items that had superseded them, could not be scrutinised within the timetable provided by the schedule of the Group's meetings and meetings of the Cabinet, but could be considered by the Overview Scrutiny Group instead.
3. To make the Group aware of the current position with its work programme and to consider any additions, deletions and amendments as appropriate.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Work Programme

Appendix 2 – Notice of Key Decisions and Decisions to be Taken in Private – to follow

Background Papers: None

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