

**TITLE OF REPORT: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME****REPORT OF THE SCRUTINY OFFICER****1. SUMMARY**

1.1 This report invites the Committee to consider its future work programme.

**2. FORWARD PLAN**

2.1 This report does not contain a recommendation on a key decision and has not been referred to in the Forward Plan.

**3. PROGRAMME FOR COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

3.1 The Committee is invited to consider which items to scrutinise at its meeting in the next civic year. A draft work programme can be found in table 1 of **Appendix A** to this report. The draft forward plan for April 2012 is at **Appendix B**.

3.2 The Committee is invited to consider which portfolio holder to invite to its meeting in June. The Portfolio holders who attended in this civic year were:

- Cllr Bernard Lovewell – Portfolio Holder for Housing and Environmental Health
- Cllr Terry Hone – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Finance and IT
- Cllr Lynda Needham – Leader of the Council
- Cllr Claire Strong – Portfolio Holder for Policy
- Cllr Tom Brindley - Portfolio Holder for Planning, Transport and Economic Development
- Cllr Ian Knighton - Portfolio Holder for Leisure

3.3 It is traditional to invite the Leader of the Council to the first meeting of the year. It has also been some time since the Portfolio Holders for Waste Management, Recycling and Environment; and for Community Engagement and Rural Affairs last attended a meeting of the Committee, so members may wish to invite them to attend.

3.4 Can members please note there will be a joint meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny and the Finance Audit and Risk Committees on Tuesday 3 April 2012 to consider the new standards regime set out in the Localism Act 2011.

**4. TASK AND FINISH GROUPS**

4.1 The task and finish group on street cleansing held its final meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> February 2012. Its final report will be presented to the Committee's meeting in June.

4.2 The Committee has chosen to consider housing policy as its next task and finish group. It is likely to take place in May 2012 and it will be chaired by the Labour Group which has nominated Cllr Gary Grindal as its representative. The scrutiny officer will seek nominations from other party leaders shortly. The scoping document is being drafted but was not available in time to accompany this report.

4.3 The other task and finish groups agreed this year were:

- neighbourhood policing;
- implementation of the Council's green issues policy;
- the impact of budget alignment in respect of grant funding;
- possibly a joint scrutiny with Cambridgeshire councils on the Cambridgeshire Local Enterprise Partnership.

## **5. FINANCIAL AND RISK IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 None.

## **6. HUMAN RESOURCE AND EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 None.

## **7. RECOMMENDATIONS**

7.1 Members are asked to review and update the Committee's work programme.

## **8. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Committee to plan its workload effectively.

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## **10. APPENDICES**

- 10.1 Appendix A – Work Programme  
10.2 Appendix B – Draft Forward Plan for April 2012