

Select Committee on the Environment - 8th March 2007

Report of the Lead Officer

Outline Work Programme for 2007/08

Purpose of Report

1. To consider proposals for the Outline Work Programme of the Committee for the 2007/08 Municipal Year.

Background

2. The Terms of Reference of the Committee provide for the Committee to fulfil all of the overview and scrutiny functions of a Select Committee as they relate to the functions of the Council as local housing authority; the functions of the Council as local highway authority; promoting the environmental well-being of the area and waste management.
3. The Work Programme for 2007/08 should include the following items from this year's programme which have not yet been concluded:-
 - Choice Based Lettings (to include a report back from the Working Group to the Committee in January/February 2008)
 - Recycling
4. During the course of 2007/08 the Committee will also be invited to consider the following regular items:-
 - Food Service Plan – June 2007
 - Food Service Plan Progress – November 2007
 - Air Quality Management Progress – January 2008
 - Update of the Council's Capital Strategy – November 2007
 - Equality and Diversity Reports for the Directorate of Housing – March 2008
 - Quarterly Corporate Performance Management Reports – June and November 2007 and January and March 2008
 - Proposed Revenue Budget 2008/09 – January 2008
 - Outline Work Programme 2007/08 – March 2008
 - Annual Report of the Committee to Council – June/July 2008
5. A recommendation from the Select Committee on Regeneration, Culture and Adult Education has been received from its meeting held on 10th January, 2007. The Committee received a presentation from Orchard Partnership and it has been recommended that the same presentation should be referred to the other Select Committees with a view to included in their work programmes and to receive the same presentation so as to generate interest and to spread awareness of the good work of the Partnership.

6. The following are suggested items and Members are now requested to consider additional items for consideration in the 2007/08 Municipal Year:-
- Health Act 2006 – No Smoking in Public Places Progress – March 2008
 - Cross Border Issues
 - Fixed Penalties for Dropping Litter
 - Patch Working and Estate Management – June 2007

Finance

7. There are no direct financial consequences arising from this report.

Law

8. Section 111 of the Local Government Act, 1972 enables the Council to do anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of its functions.

Equality Impact

9. This report complies fully with the Council's policies on equal opportunities and diversity.

Recommendation

10. That the Committee considers its outline Work Programme for 2007/08.

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List of Background Papers

The Council's Constitution