

**TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION
12 JULY 2012**

**WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT
Assistant Chief Executive**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Work Programme for 2012-13, with particular reference to Working Groups of the Overview and Scrutiny Commission

2 RECOMMENDATION

That the Overview and Scrutiny Commission:

- 2.1 **Reviews the progress by the O&S Commission and the O&S Panels against the work programme**
- 2.2 **Notes the progress achieved to date by the Commission's Working Groups.**

3 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

O&S Work programme

- 3.1 The O&S Work Programme for 2012-13, incorporating where available each Chairmen's assessment of progress, is at Appendix 1.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Working Group

- 3.2 The Working Group comprises Councillors Leake (Lead Member) Angell, Mrs Birch, Heydon, Virgo and Worrall. The Group held its first meeting on 23 February 2012, and has subsequently met on five occasions. The Commission Chairman has consulted the Chairman/Mayor of each Town and Parish Council (T&PC) on how best to inform and involve the T&PCs with this working group, and a number of ways have been adopted to achieve this, including regular progress reports to the Parish & Town Councils' Liaison Group.
- 3.3 The main items covered to date have been: to receive a comprehensive briefing on the CIL and the progress made to date; discussing and agreeing the approach to be taken by the Working Group; discussing with the Council's consultants the CIL Viability Assessment for the Borough and the wider picture on the development of CIL nationally; commencing the review of the Major Infrastructure Schedule; discussions with the Executive Member, Director, Borough Treasurer, Borough Solicitor, the Home Builders Federation, and a visit to Portsmouth City Council; and reviewing examples of CIL Charging schedules from other local authorities. The Working Group has made a number of recommendations to the Executive concerning the draft CIL Charging schedule.

- 3.4 Further meetings of the Working Group are being planned, with timing to match the timeline for the introduction of CIL in Bracknell Forest

Communications Strategy Working Group

- 3.5 The Working Group comprises Councillors Leake (Lead Member), Gbadebo, Thompson and Wade. It met on 10 May to: receive a briefing, review an example of another council's communication strategy, to consider the current communications arrangements, and to discuss prospective priorities and deliverables for the new strategy.

- 3.6 The Working Group is due to meet next on 17 July, to consider the draft Communications strategy before it is presented to the Executive.

Delegated Authorities

- 3.7 The review of the scheme of delegation and the extent of powers delegated to officers has yet to commence.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED/ ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS/ EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT/ STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / OTHER OFFICERS/ CONSULTATION – Not applicable

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Monitoring Of Work Programme for Overview and Scrutiny in 2012/13

The Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Chairmen's assessment of the progress on the work programme for O&S in 2012/13 is shown below, where the symbols represent:



Completed or on course for completion



Delayed or completion at risk



Will not be achieved in 2012-13

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION	Status / Comment
Co-ordination of the work of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels	
Routine monitoring of the performance of the Council's corporate functions	
Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan	
2013/14 Budget Scrutiny	
Crime and Disorder Committee	
Policy Development	
a) To complete the Working Group contributing to the Council's plans for the Community Infrastructure Levy.	
b) To contribute to the update of the Council's Communications Strategy.	
c) To receive a briefing on the implications of the Localism Act for the Council, and to contribute to the formulation of the Council's plans for the 'Community Right to Challenge'.	
Delegated Authorities	
To review the scheme of delegation and the extent of powers delegated to officers.	

ADULT SOCIAL CARE AND HOUSING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	Status / Comment
Monitoring the performance of the Adult Social Care, Health and Housing Department	

Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan	
2013/14 Budget Scrutiny	
Modernising Older People's Services To complete the Working Group monitoring the proposed implementation of a wide range of measures intended to modernise and improve support for older people in the Borough.	
Substance Misuse To complete the Working Group reviewing the Council's response, and that of its partners, to the Government's requirements contained in its 2010 Drug Strategy.	
Policy Development	
a) <u>Carers' Strategy</u> – To monitor the delivery of this Strategy (Panel discussion).	
b) <u>Joint Autism Strategy</u> – To review the implementation of the Strategy (Panel discussion).	
c) <u>Personalisation</u> – An update at a Panel meeting, and depending on the outcome and the availability of resources, to review a further strand of the personalisation of Adult Social Care.	
d) <u>Adult Social Care White Paper</u> – to receive briefings on the progress of the White Paper and monitor its implementation	
e) The implementation of the new national structure for <u>Housing and Council Tax benefits</u> .	

CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND LEARNING OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	Status / Comment
Monitoring the performance of the Children, Young People and Learning Department	
Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan	
2013/14 Budget Scrutiny	
Schools Governance A Working Group to review the comments by Ofsted about governance in Bracknell Forest Schools, and the arrangements being made to ascertain and	

achieve effective governance in all schools.	
Policy Development To contribute to the formulation of the Council's new Early Intervention and Prevention strategy.	

ENVIRONMENT, CULTURE AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	Status / Comment
Monitoring the performance of the Environment, Culture and Communities Department	
Exercising pre-decision scrutiny by reference to the Executive Forward Plan	
2013/14 Budget Scrutiny	
Monitoring significant departmental issues: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The implementation of the Local Development Framework. • The implementation of the Supporting People Programme Action Plan on an annual basis. • The implementation of Community Planning. • The procurement of environmental works 	
Highway Maintenance To complete the review of the Council's plans and performance for highway maintenance.	
Commercial Sponsorship To complete the Member Reference Group exploring the possible procurement of a commercial sponsorship scheme.	
Public Transport Subsidies and Concessionary Fare Support To review the proposed reductions to public transport subsidies and concessionary fare support. The Working Group might re-form to contribute to the development of a Bus Strategy for the Borough.	
Policy Development (the O&S input will be conducted at Panel meetings) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) <u>Local Transport Plan</u> – To review the outcome of public consultation, and to contribute to the 	

<p>development of future policy, with a particular focus on highway improvements.</p> <p>b) <u>The Environmental Management of Schools</u> – To receive progress updates.</p>	
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HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL	Status / Comment
<p>Health and Wellbeing Strategy</p> <p>To contribute to the development of the Council's statutory 'Health and Wellbeing' strategy [Working Group].</p>	
<p>Policy development and monitoring the implementation of the major changes from the 2012 Health and Social Care Act</p> <p>To contribute to the Council's and NHS policy development, and monitor in particular: the transfer of the Public Health responsibilities from the PCT to the Council; the creation of the GP Clinical Commissioning Group, Local HealthWatch and the new Health and Wellbeing Board; and establishing the new arrangements for Health Overview and Scrutiny. [Panel updates and a Working Group]</p>	
<p>Monitoring the performance and budget of the Berkshire Primary Care Trust and the NHS trusts serving Bracknell Forest</p> <p>[Panel updates] Member briefing sessions will be held on Stroke treatment and Mental Health issues, which may in due course lead to focussed reviews.</p>	
<p>Responding to NHS Consultations</p> <p>The Health O&S Panel is a statutory consultee for any substantial variation in NHS services affecting the Borough. A major consultation is expected to occur on 'Shaping the Future', concerning hospital and community health services in East Berkshire. [Working Group]</p>	