

**TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMISSION  
9 JULY 2015**

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**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME  
Assistant Chief Executive**

**1 PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 This report invites the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Commission to establish two Working Groups and to review the establishment of Working Groups by the O&S Panels.

**2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

That the O&S Commission:

- 2.1 Establishes a Working Group to contribute to the review of the Council's Medium Term Objectives, and how performance is reported and reviewed.**
- 2.2 Establishes a Working Group to make an input to the draft Economic Development strategy.**
- 2.3 Receives an update on the establishment of Working Groups by the O&S Panels, approving any changes needed to the currently agreed Work Programme.**

**3 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 To meet the requirements of the Constitution and to commence the O&S Working Group activity planned for 2015/16.

**4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 None.

**5 SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 5.1 The Constitution requires that there shall be a work programme for O&S, the development and management of which is the responsibility of the O&S Commission.
- 5.2 The O&S Work Programme for 2015/16 was agreed by the Commission and formed part of the Annual Report of O&S for 2014/15, which was adopted by Council on 29 April 2015. The Annual Report stated, 'The work programme will necessarily be subject to continual refinement and updating.'
- 5.3 The Work Programme for the O&S Commission includes, '*To selectively contribute to the formulation of new policies in advance of their consideration by the Executive.*' It also includes forming a Working Group, '*To contribute to the review of the Council's Medium Term Objectives following local government elections in May 2015.*'

## Unrestricted

- 5.4 The Children, Young People and Learning O&S Panel resolved at its meeting on 10 June to establish a working group to review the Council's response to Child Sexual Exploitation, delivered in concert with Community Safety partner organisations. This is in accordance with the agreed Work Programme.
- 5.5 The Adult Social Care and Housing O&S Panel resolved at its meeting on 16 June to establish a working group on homelessness, so as to make an input to the development of the homelessness strategy, in advance of its consideration by the Executive. This is regarded as a minor change to the agreed Work Programme, which includes, *'Forming a Working Group to make an input to the preparation of the new Housing Strategy.'*
- 5.6 The O&S Panels for Health and Environment, Culture & Communities are due to meet on 2 and 7 July respectively, and both Panels are being invited to consider their work programmes. An oral update will be given to the O&S Commission on the Panels' deliberations.

## **6 ADVICE RECEIVED FROM STATUTORY AND OTHER OFFICERS / EQUALITIES IMPACT ASSESSMENT / STRATEGIC RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES / CONSULTATION**

- 6.1 Not applicable.

### Background Papers

None.

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