

		AGENDA ITEM 8
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Committee:	Place Services and Economic Growth Scrutiny Committee	
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WORK PROGRAMME		
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At its last meeting on 22 September 2016 (Minute 9) the Committee discussed its work programme over the next six months, and identified a number of potential topics that they would wish to be included that programme. Work is underway to bring forward topics to future Committee meetings taking account of any current or proposed executive activity, coupled with attention to the timing and ability of Scrutiny Members to influence what outcomes can be achieved in practice.

As much of the information required to develop the work programme has not been available at the time of writing this report, the Committee will be engaged in the development of the work programme through the exchange of emails over the coming weeks. It is important that as part of the planning of agenda that Members clarify what key lines of enquiry they want to pursue on individual topics so that they can be built into any arrangements that are made.

The Committee is reminded that the following committee activity days have already been scheduled:

*24 November 2016
15 December 2016
19 January 2017
23 February 2017
23 March 2017
20 April 2017

** Please note that the November meeting will follow on from Cabinet that same morning.*

Art of the Possible #scrutiny

On 17 October 2016 an Art of the Possible **#scrutiny** event has been organised to provide Members and officers with an opportunity to collaborate on exploring what scrutiny could learn from social media about people's real life experiences. The Committee put forward the topic of 'Parking Pavement' as its contribution to exploring how social media might be used as a scrutiny tool. The other topics chosen for the event were young carers and mental health. A number of Committee Members will be taking part in the event and will be asked to share their observations on how social media could be harnessed for a scrutiny of a topic like Pavement Parking.

Third Party Responsibilities and Flood Enforcement Scrutiny Report

The Cabinet Members' detailed response to some of the recommendations arising from this scrutiny report was submitted to the Committee on 22 September 2016 (Minute 6). It was suggested that the Cabinet Members be invited to a meeting to answer any further questions that the Committee might want to ask.

Councillor Walsh, Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste, is unable to attend this meeting. However, consideration is already underway to address another recommendation from the scrutiny report seeking an overview on how the County Council itself co-ordinates its own activities in order to identify and address overall infrastructure needs in Essex including flood risk management and preventative measures associated with new development. Consequently it is proposed that when the briefing on infrastructure is delivered, it will also provide an opportunity for the Committee to seek further feedback on matters identified in its recommendations.

Arrangements are being developed for the Committee to receive a briefing around IT and Communications support in raising public awareness about the Council's services, and flood management in particular.

Action required by the Committee:

To note the report, and for those Members who attend the #scrutiny event to feed back to colleagues on the use of social media.
