		AGENDA ITEM 8:
		PSEG/18/17
Committee:	Place Services and Econom	nic Growth Scrutiny Committee
Date:	21 September 2017	
	ES AND ECONOMIC GROWT ORK PROGRAMME 2017/18	H POLICY AND SCRUTINY
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Background

In Essex there is a need for the Scrutiny Committees to plan and manage their activities more effectively in order to ensure that there is ongoing development of the overview and scrutiny function. A key tenet of making improvements is to focus upon topic selection and produce more robust work programmes to underpin improved ways of working taking a realistic account of the resources available. Ultimately Scrutiny Members want to be in the position of exerting a proactive and positive influence upon what the Council does in practice.

There is general consensus among scrutiny practitioners that topics should be carefully selected taking into account common criteria to enable objective choices to be made, and work programmes devised that reflect a committee's capacity to deliver that programme as well as officers' capacity to support it in that task. The role of topic selection and work programmes has featured in Members' Scrutiny training, and good practice is reflected in the Council's Overview and Scrutiny handbook that is published on its website.

At its private work programming meeting on 1 August 2017 the Committee considered potential items for its work programme moving forward for the next 12-18 months; which followed initial thoughts gathered on the Committee's induction day in June, and a subsequent call for ideas across the organisation.

It was recognised that resources necessitate that a limited number of in depth reviews be undertaken, i.e. less than four per annum, but that there is scope for briefings, fact finding visits, and limited round table discussions to ensure that Members are well informed about what is happening across the services covered by the Committee's remit. While an agreed work programme will assist in managing committee activity, it is recognised that unforeseen matters will arise from time to time that will affect Members' ability to achieve the goals within the work programme.

At the 1 August meeting Members commented on the topics being investigated for prioritisation for the Committee's work programme going forward, and agreed the issues to take forward as in-depth reviews in the next 18 months. Resulting from the discussions at the 1 August meeting it was requested a report be submitted to this meeting on the draft work programme for further consideration by the Committee; and this report is provided below.

Action required by Members at thus meeting:

- (i) To agree the items for review to commence within the next twelve months; and to agree the other items and initial briefings suggested.
- (ii) If agreement on (i) above to prioritise these items and agree the timetable for initial scoping meetings and reviews

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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING	AT?
Review Topic (Name of review)	Essex County Council Commercial Bus Reduction and Withdrawal Process; and the ECC Bus Priority Policy
Type of Review (full committee, briefing, task & finish group etc.)	This to be agreed by the Committee

WHY ARE WE LOOKING A	AT THIS?
	 Why should this topic be reviewed, and how would the review align to the Essex scrutiny objectives? Critical friend challenge to the Executive Reflecting public voice and concerns Impact on service delivery
Rationale for the Review	How does it link to the Council's strategic objectives and corporate priorities? <u>http://www.essex.gov.uk/Your-Council/Strategies-Policies/Pages/Commissioning-Strategies.aspx</u> - This to be agreed by the Committee
	How clear is the influence that scrutiny can have on the review? What evidence is there to support the reasons and need for a scrutiny review? - To consider the opportunities and challenges
	- How can local Members get involved as well as Districts/Boroughs?

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO A	ACHIEVE?	
Indicators of success	What would you wish to see happen as a result of the review? What value can scrutiny bring to the review? Scrutiny can add value the review by adding transparency to the process undertaken within a commercially sensitive and confidential process. Why do you think the desired outcome is achievable?	

HOW LONG IS IT GOING 1	O TAKE?
Timescales	When would the earliest date that the scrutiny review could begin and when would it have to be completed? - This to be agreed by the Committee
Provisional Timetable	To be determined by the Committee

WHAT INFORMATION DO	WE NEED?	
Terms of Reference	An initial meeting to set the Terms of Reference and the Keys Lines of Enquiry should be a pre-requisite. This should involve the Chairman of the Committee and a minimum of three other members.	
Key Lines of Enquiry		
What primary/new evidence is needed?		
What secondary/ existing information is needed?		
What briefings and site visits might be relevant?		
Other work being undertaken/Relevant Corporate Links		
What is inside the scope of the review?		
What is outside the scope of the review?		

WHO DO WE NEED TO CO	NTRIBUTE/CONSULT? (INITIAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH THIS)
Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Ray Gooding
Key ECC Officers	Andrew Cook Deborah Fox
Partners and service users	Bus providers Bus passengers Bus Strategy Board Borough/City/District Councils

WHAT RESOURCES DO W	/E NEED?	
Lead Member and Membership	To be determined by the Committee	
Co-optee's (if any)		
Lead Scrutiny Officer/Other	Robert Fox	
Expected Member commitment		

WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CO	WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CONSTRAINTS?	
Risk analysis (site visits etc.)		
Possible constraints		

WHAT WILL BE REQUIRED FROM STAKEHOLDERS?		
Internal stakeholders	Is any support from the Communications team likely to be needed?	
External stakeholders		

WHO ARE WE DIRECTING	ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TO?	
Recommendations to (key decision makers):	This can be completed prior to, during, and following the review	
Reporting arrangements		
Follow-up arrangements		

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION/NOTES		

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2. Resourcing	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
Was officer time/resource adequate for this review?	

3. Evidence sessions/site visits	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews

4. Stakeholder and Communications	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews

5. Report and Recommendations	
What could have gone better?	Recommendations for future reviews
Was the purpose of the review achieved?	
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WHAT ARE WE LOOKING	AT?
Review Topic (Name of review)	Localism and Subsidiarity
Type of Review (full committee, briefing, task & finish group etc.)	TASK AND FINISH GROUP

WHY ARE WE LOOKING AT THIS?

	Why should this topic be reviewed, and how would the review align to
	 the Essex scrutiny objectives? Critical friend challenge to the Executive Reflecting public voice and concerns Impact on service delivery?
	How does it link to the Council's strategic objectives and corporate priorities? <u>http://www.essex.gov.uk/Your-Council/Strategies-Policies/Pages/Commissioning-Strategies.aspx</u> - This to be agreed by the Committee.
	How clear is the influence that scrutiny can have on the review? What evidence is there to support the reasons and need for a scrutiny review?
	At the Full Council meeting of 12 July 2017 it was moved by Councillor Pond and seconded by Councillor Sargeant that
Rationale for the Review	'This Council applauds achievements of the Administration to date in the field of localism, such as the Community Initiatives Fund. Local Highways Panels were a useful step in bringing together County and District members; their funding needs to be sufficient, and their processes (including Highway Rangers) more effective, the better to suit local needs.
	This Council now needs to take further initiatives to ensure that decisions affecting local people are taken as close to them as possible, instead of centrally at County Hall, or by remote joint boards. Devolution to or involvement of districts and parishes in such functions as highway repairs, parking control and enforcement would all increase local buy-in, and should be attainable within existing budgets.
	This Council refers this whole question to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee for further examination.
	It was moved by Councillor Grundy and seconded by Councillor Johnson that the motion be amended to read as follows:
	'This Council applauds achievements of the Administration to date in the field of localism, such as the Community Initiatives Fund. Local Highways Panels were a useful step in bringing together County and District members; their funding needs to be sufficient, and their processes (including Highway Rangers) more effective, the better to suit local needs.
	This Council now needs to consider further initiatives to ensure that decisions affecting local people are taken as close to them as possible, instead of centrally at County Hall, or by remote joint boards. Devolution to or involvement of Districts, Boroughs, the City and parishes in such functions as highway repairs, parking control and enforcement would all increase local buy-in, and could be attainable within existing budgets.

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE?		
Indicators of success	What would you wish to see happen as a result of the review? What value can scrutiny bring to the review? Why do you think the desired outcome is achievable?	

HOW LONG IS IT GOING T	O TAKE?
Timescales	When would the earliest date that the scrutiny review could begin and when would it have to be completed? - This to be agreed by the Committee
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Other work being undertaken/Relevant Corporate Links		
What is inside the scope of the review?		
What is outside the scope of the review?		

WHO DO WE NEED TO CO	ONTRIBUTE/CONSULT? (INITIAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH THIS)
Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Ian Grundy
Key ECC Officers	
Partners and service users	Borough/City/District/Parish Councils

WHAT RESOURCES DO WE NEED?		
Lead Member and Membership	To be determined by the Committee	
Co-optee's (if any)		
Lead Scrutiny Officer/Other	Robert Fox	
Expected Member commitment	Four meeting dates over three months initially.	

WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CC	INSTRAINTS?	
Risk analysis (site visits etc.)		
Possible constraints		

WHAT WILL BE REQUIRE	D FROM STAKEHOLDERS?	
Internal stakeholders	Is any support from the Communications team likely to be needed?	
External stakeholders		

WHO ARE WE DIRECTING	ANY RECOMMENDATIONS AND ACTIONS TO?	
Recommendations to (key decision makers):	This can be completed prior to, during, and following the review	
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Type of Review (full committee, briefing, task & finish group etc.)	This to be agreed by the Committee

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Rationale for the Review	 Why should this topic be reviewed, and how would the review align to the Essex scrutiny objectives? Critical friend challenge to the Executive Reflecting public voice and concerns Impact on service delivery? How does it link to the Council's strategic objectives and corporate priorities? <u>http://www.essex.gov.uk/Your-Council/Strategies-Policies/Pages/Commissioning-Strategies.aspx</u> - This to be agreed by the Committee How clear is the influence that scrutiny can have on the review? What evidence is there to support the reasons and need for a scrutiny review?

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Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Simon Walsh
Key ECC Officers	Mark Carroll
Partners and service users	Borough/City/District Councils Health

WHAT RESOURCES DO WE NEED?		
Lead Member and Membership	To be determined by the Committee	
Co-optee's (if any)		
Lead Scrutiny Officer/Other	Robert Fox	
Expected Member commitment		

WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CC	INSTRAINTS?	
Risk analysis (site visits etc.)		
Possible constraints		

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Review Topic (Name of review)	Footways	
Type of Review (full committee, briefing, task & finish group etc.)	This to be agreed by the Committee	

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACHIEVE?		
Indicators of success	What would you wish to see happen as a result of the review? What value can scrutiny bring to the review? Why do you think the desired outcome is achievable?	

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relevant?			
Other work being			
undertaken/Relevant			
Corporate Links			
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scope of the review?			
What is outside the			
scope of the review?			
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WHO DO WE NEED TO CONTRIBUTE/CONSULT? (INITIAL MEETING TO ESTABLISH THIS)		
Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Ian Grundy	
Key ECC Officers		
Partners and service users		

WHAT RESOURCES DO	WHAT RESOURCES DO WE NEED?	
Lead Member and Membership	To be determined by the Committee	
Co-optee's (if any)		
Lead Scrutiny Officer/Other	Robert Fox	
Expected Member commitment		

WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CONSTRAINTS?		
Risk analysis (site visits etc.)		
Possible constraints		

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Review Topic (Name of review)	Moving Around Essex
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WHAT DO WE HOPE TO A	CHIEVE?	
Indicators of success	What would you wish to see happen as a result of the review? What value can scrutiny bring to the review? Why do you think the desired outcome is achievable?	

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What briefings and site visits might be relevant?	Mini-Holland Cycling project, London Borough of Waltham Forest
Other work being undertaken/Relevant Corporate Links	
What is inside the scope of the review?	
What is outside the scope of the review?	

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Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Councillor Ian Grundy
Key ECC Officers	
Partners and service users	

WHAT RESOURCES DO WE NEED?		
Lead Member and Membership	To be determined by the Committee	
Co-optee's (if any)		
Lead Scrutiny Officer/Other	Robert Fox	
Expected Member commitment		

WHAT ARE THE RISKS/CC	INSTRAINTS?	
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Additionally, the Committee will be seeking an initial briefing from the Cabinet Member for Environment and Waste on Waste and Recycling; and the Cabinet Member for Highways on priorities within the portfolio prior to conducting any reviews within these portfolios.

Other issues the Committee might look at as initial briefings in the medium term are:

- Local Regeneration Partnerships
- Revenue Opportunities for Country Parks
- Highways Assets
- 20 miles per hour speed limits
- Park and Ride growth
- Public Transport Support Grants