

		AGENDA ITEM 8
		CSC/20/17
Committee:	Corporate Policy and Scrutiny Committee	
Date:	24 October 2017	
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WORK PROGRAMME

Action required by members at this meeting:

- 1. To note the current position as regards work planning and programming as agreed at the September 2017 meeting.**

CORPORATE POLICY AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

WORK PROGRAMME 2017-18 (ADOPTED BY SEPT 2017 COMMITTEE MEETING)

Approach to topic selection – where can the committee conduct reviews quickly, influence change and make a difference to the residents of Essex.

Date/Timing	Issue/Topic	Focus/other comments	Approach
November 2017	Budget Out-Turn	Historically these have been regular quarterly updates after Cabinet. It is proposed to only do this twice-yearly. This timing aligns with ECC's half yearly Budget Out-turn reporting	(i) To be half-yearly in future (ii) Cabinet Member to present (iii) To identify any particular issues for further 'dive' on an ongoing basis
TBC	Member Enquiries/Highways Report-It tool	Follow-up on original Task and Finish Group scrutiny report recommendations and subsequent Sept 17 full committee session with further recs.	(i) Cabinet Member to provide indicative timings for implementation of recs (ii) Follow-up date subject to above
First half 2018 – timing TBC	Business Rates retention	Opportunity to learn more about Local Government funding distribution and any early piloting of national plans.	(iii) Timing TBC – dependent on national plans and any local pilot areas.
TBC - 2018	Fees and charges	Look to influence at most appropriate time to maximise that influence. Opportunity to see this through 'residents' eyes'.	(i) Timing TBC after further discussions with key officers (ii) Could overlap with remit of other committees so there could be an opportunity for joint working.
TBC - 2018	Administration of grants	Opportunity to review how grants are distributed externally, mechanisms used, how targeted, where most needed, how get most return.	(i) Timing TBC after further discussions with key officers (ii) Could overlap with remit of other committees so there could be an opportunity for joint working.
May/June 2018	Budget Out-Turn	As November 2017 above.	As November 2017 above

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Issues previously suggested and to be 'parked' pending further information and/or discussions and further evaluation				
-	Review process for developing policy	Focus to be determined – suggestion from previous committee	(i)	To be determined
-	Emerging organisation strategies	These may fall under remit of other committees in any case	(i)	To be determined
-	Reserves	How are they set/used? This may be covered in discussions on Budget Out-turn and/or separate work on Business Rates Retention.	(i)	To be determined
	Property portfolio	Value of ECC Estate and disposal strategy. suggestion from previous committee	(i)	To be determined
	Property Investment to shape communities	Focus to be determined.	(i)	To be determined
	Procurement	Suggestion from previous committee. (Refer to task and Finish Group report). Committee could look at strategy and how contracts were procured and was it a good way to procure (the efficacy of a contract).	(i)	Actual contract performance issues should be considered by appropriate scrutiny committee (e.g. HOSC, PAF or Place)
			(ii)	Further consideration in due course.
	Registration services	Rationalisation of buildings/co-location. Can scrutiny influence the shaping of something new or will it be a review of the implementation of a strategy?	(i)	Could seek an update on where ECC are with the rationalisation programme.
			(ii)	To be determined.

Issues previously suggested and not to be pursued				
Not applicable	Libraries consultations	Place scrutiny committee has remit over library services.	(i)	It is not currently an issue being actively considered by Place committee.
Not applicable	Review of Essex Design Guide	Place scrutiny committee has remit over planning.	(i)	It is not currently an issue being actively considered by Place committee.