



Report to Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny & Policy Development Committee

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Subject: Work Programme 2014/15

Summary:

This report sets out potential topics for the Committee to consider for the 2014/15 Work Programme.

Type of item: The report author should tick the appropriate box

Reviewing of existing policy	
Informing the development of new policy	
Statutory consultation	
Performance / budget monitoring report	
Cabinet request for scrutiny	
Full Council request for scrutiny	
Community Assembly request for scrutiny	
Call-in of Cabinet decision	
Briefing paper for the Scrutiny Committee	
Other	X

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

To discuss and agree a Work Programme for 2014/15.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Work Programme 2014/15

1. Introduction

- 1.1 This report sets out potential topics for the Committee to consider for the 2014/15 Work Programme.
- 1.2 Members were asked to contribute ideas on potential review topics through a consultation process and these ideas, along with contributions from officers, have informed the topics outlined below.

2. Potential Topics for the Work Programme

Potential topics for the Work Programme and the approach that could be taken are suggested below:

Topic	Reasons for selecting topic
25th September 2014	
Housing Plus	This would involve a one hour 'walkabout' followed by the Committee's formal meeting and could involve TARAs and other stakeholders.
Housing Revenue Account Business Plan	The Committee's March 2014 meeting requested an update report on the HRA following the Tenant Conference in the autumn and that tenant representatives be invited to that Committee meeting.
Challenge for Change - Community Engagement	The Council Housing Service's scrutiny group Challenge for Change (made up of customers) have undertaken their third review – looking at community engagement and would like to present to the Safer and Stronger Communities Scrutiny Committee.
27th November 2014	
Community Safety Partnership	The Council has a legal responsibility under the sections 19 and 20 of the Police and Justice Act 2006 to annually scrutinise the Community Safety Partnership. This could also pick up the impact of reduced resources for the Police which has been requested a Committee member.
Anti-social behaviour	The Committee added Anti-Social Behaviour to its list of topics for the 2014/15 work programme at its March 2014 meeting. This item could look at Sheffield's response to ASB legislation expected to become law in October 2014
Partner Resource Allocation Meeting (PRAM)	At its September 2013 meeting the Committee requested an annual presentation on the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting, with up to two additional partners to attend
Domestic Violence	Requested by two Committee members during 2014/15 as an issue the Committee could look at, following discussion at the South Yorkshire Police and Crime Panel.

22nd January 2015	
Private Sector Landlords	The Committee's January 2014 meeting requested that a report on the introduction of Selective Licensing in the Private Rented Sector be presented to the Committee in December 2014.
Social Housing Repairs and Maintenance Contract (Kier Contract)	To look at the repairs and maintenance services to tenants' homes provided by Kier Services which started on 1 April 2014 and runs for 3 years
Implementation of the Allocations Policy	At its March 2014 meeting the Committee requested an update report on the Implementation of the Allocations Policy, to including examples of how the associated risks had been managed; and local tenant representatives who had been involved in the consultation process, be invited to the Committee meeting
26th March 2015	
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To schedule	
Challenge for Change: Grass Cutting	The relevant Cabinet Member report back to Scrutiny on the Council's response to the recommendations a further report on the actions resulting from the report's recommendations be presented a future meeting of the Committee, with all the scrutineers involved in drafting the original report being invited to attend.
Written briefings	
PRAM	A quarterly written report on actions relating to the development of the Partner Resource Allocation Meeting in other parts of the City be provided to the Committee
Right to Buy Update	Written briefing circulated with the papers
Welfare Reform	Written briefing circulated with the papers
Management of HRA Land	Written update circulated with the papers on the project between the Communities and Place portfolios to carry out a review of land management arrangements.

3. Other issues

- 3.1 The Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee will be considering as part of their work programme discussion at their meeting on Wednesday 30th July setting up a Task Group looking at 'house building and the local economy'. If the E&EW Committee does choose to set up a Task Group on this topic

then membership of the Task Group would be open to Members of the Safer and Stronger Communities Committee.

4. Recommendation

4.1 The Committee is asked to:

1. Discuss the potential topics for inclusion on the Committee's 2014/15 Work Programme
2. Agree a Work Programme for 2014/15