



CRIME & DISORDER COMMITTEE

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Subject Heading:

Proposed Work Programme for the Crime and Disorder Committee for the 2014/15 Municipal Year

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SUMMARY

At this stage of the municipal year the Committee is required, so far as is practicable, to agree its work programme for the forthcoming year. This applies to both the work plan for the Committee as a whole and to the subject of any topic group run under the Committee's auspices.

This report provides Members with a suggested programme for scrutiny of the crime and disorder portfolio, during 2014/15.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to consider the proposed work programme for the committee for the 2014/15 municipal year.

The Committee is also requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review, if any.

REPORT DETAIL

1. BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Crime and Disorder Committee meets every six weeks to scrutinise issues relating to crime and disorder in the borough. To provide some structure to the Committee's reviews, officers have prepared a suggested work programme, in discussion with the Chair of the Committee, for Members to consider.

2. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME

- 2.1 The below schedule sets out some topics which the Committee may wish to consider as part of its scrutiny functions this year (this does not include the Joint Overview and Scrutiny meeting to consider the Council's budget).

| Meeting 1 (15 July 14) | Meeting 2 (18 September 14) | Meeting 3 (20 November 14) | Meeting 4 (3 February 15) | Meeting 5 (19 March 15) | Meeting 6 (22 April 15) |
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| What is the role of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees. | Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police Update | Work of the Neighbourhood Policing Teams | Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police Update | Update report on progress of MOPAC funded projects | Annual Report |
| Crime Statistics – Strategic Assessment | Review of Safer Neighbourhood Board | Update on new ASB Powers | Update on Community Payback | Update on impact of the new Licencing strategy | Review of outcomes of Troubled Families Programme |
| Update on Transforming Rehabilitation (Probation reforms) | Potential Topic Group issue: Engagement with young people in crime prevention | Update report on progress of MOPAC funded projects | Report on crime over the Christmas and New Year Period | Potential Topic Group issue: Burglary | Crime Statistics and Metropolitan Police Update |
| Review the effectiveness of the recommendations to the lead member following the Topic Group on Domestic Violence. | | | | | |

- 2.2 Members will note that some of the work plan has been left blank at this stage. This is to reflect the fact that Members may well wish to select further issues for scrutiny. In addition, previous experience has shown that it is beneficial to leave some excess capacity for scrutiny in order to allow the Committee to respond fully to any consultations or other urgent issues that may arise during the year.
- 2.3 Additionally, the Committee has the power to select an issue for more in depth scrutiny as part of a topic group review. Council has recommended that, in view of limited resources, only one such topic group is run at any one time. The Committee is, therefore, requested to consider what should be the subject of its next topic group review, if any.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks: None – it is anticipated that the work of the Committee can be supported from existing resources.

Legal implications and risks: None

Human Resources implications and risks: None

Equalities implications and risks: There will be some equalities implications arising from the topics recommended for review by the committee. These will be highlighted to Members in their respective reports.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

