



Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Subject: Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16

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1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- i. To discuss the 2015/2016 scrutiny work programme.

2. SCRUTINY REVIEWS 2014/2015

Homelessness and Hardship in the Borough

The final report and recommendations arising from this review were approved by the 15th December Overview and Scrutiny Committee and referred to Cabinet on the 12th February 2015, along with a request for a response from the relevant Portfolio Holder. A response to the recommendations was presented to the committee on the 13th April 2015. Members requested a six month progress review of accepted recommendations be available at the December meeting, this is attached at Appendix 1.

3. 2015/16 WORK PROGRAMME

I. Scrutiny working groups

- **Obesity and Smoking**

Working Group members: Councillors McCrossen (Chair), Truscott, Bisset, Doyle, Walker and Hewson.

The committee has established a working group to carry out a scrutiny review which would focus obesity and smoking in the borough. It will consider what the authority can do to strengthen partnership working, improve coordination of services and how leisure and planning can influence and support this work. At the first meeting of the group representatives from Public Health Nottinghamshire presented data on the

prevalence of, and risk factors associated with, excess weight. The Chair met with a representative from the Nottingham North East Clinical Commissioning Group and Dr Paul Oliver, the Clinical Lead, will be attending a working group on 8th December to discuss what GPs are doing to help reduce obesity, and what we as an authority can do to assist this.

- **Bonington Theatre**

A small group of Members met to consider a number of reports relating to the theatre and to determine if this was an issue that they would like to examine in further detail. Members concluded that, subject to the Committees approval, a review which would examine the current theatre programme and explore what can be done to help develop the venue into a flagship arts venue should be undertaken.

II. Scrutiny work programme 2015/16

To consider the committees work programme based on the areas of work identified at previous meetings and make amendments as appropriate a copy of the Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/2016 is attached at **Appendix 2**.

4. RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR INFORMATION – PLANNING DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN.

At the July meeting of the committee Members requested information relating to the Planning Improvement Plan report.

The draft report, which had been produced following the recent independent service review, was presented to the 14th October Planning Committee. A number of comments were noted at the meeting and Members were invited to send in further written responses to the plan. It is expected that the report will be signed off as an Executive Decision in the near future. The report is attached at **Appendix 3**

5. RECOMMENDATION

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- consider and comment on the response to the Homelessness and Hardship in the Borough recommendations update
- notes the progress of the Obesity and Smoking working group

- considers the recommendation of the Bonington Theatre working group
- agrees the committees work programme and makes amendments as appropriate
- notes the information regarding the Planning Development Management Improvement Plan.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Homelessness and Hardship progress report

Appendix 2: Scrutiny work programme

Appendix 3: Planning Development Management Improvement Plan Report

Appendix 3A: Development Management Improvement Plan