

Basic Scope – Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme Ideas 2017-18

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What?

An investigation into the housing markets within the town

How?

- Examine local conditions in the sales and rental markets.
- To consider:
 - The impact and application of new legislation in respect of homelessness reduction
 - The impact of local market conditions and changes to the welfare system on homelessness.
 - The council's responsibilities in respect of homelessness.
 - The tools the council uses to fulfil its responsibilities
 - The role of partners and other agencies in addressing homelessness.
 - How and when the council may intervene in the local housing market.
 - Examples of good practice from other authorities for dealing with homelessness.
- To make recommendations on how the council can adjust its homelessness policies to reflect local market conditions.

Who?

- Director of Operational Services
- Assistant Director, Housing and Built Environment
- Housing Needs and Policy Manager
- Revenues and Benefits Service Manager
- Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager
- Corporate and Democratic Services Officer
- Representatives of the local community and voluntary sector

When?

	Between June 2017 and May 2018
	Cost? To be met through the existing budgets.
	Dependencies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of key officers, members and partner organisations. • Availability of sufficient information regarding local market conditions.
What? Review of the first year of the pilot private warden scheme	How? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the recommendations approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 6 March 2017 to improve the Hastings street scene. • Review the performance over the pilot of the new warden scheme, comparing with performance under the previous arrangements. • Consider alternative enforcement options and make recommendations. • Contribute to the review of the council's enviro-crime enforcement policy.
	Who? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operational Services • Assistant Director, Environment and Place • Chief Legal Officer (for enviro-crime enforcement policy) • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer
	When? From September 2017 to May 2018
	Cost? To be met through the existing budgets.
	Dependencies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of key officers and members. • Availability of sufficient information regarding the pilot private

	warden scheme.
What? Review of the future of Higher Education	How? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review the activities of the council and its partners since the University of Brighton announced it intended to close its Hastings Campus from the end of 2018/19 academic year. • To receive an update on the formation of a University Centre, offering Brighton-validated courses, at Sussex Coast College Hastings. • To consider other options to maintain a high education offer in the town. • Consider how to get best value from the use of remaining campus building stock.
	Who? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operational Services • Policy and Performance Officer • Members of the Higher Education Task Force Group • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer
	When? Between June 2017 and May 2018
	Cost? To be met through the existing budgets.
	Dependencies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of key partners to participate in the review.
What? Review of dealing with dilapidated buildings	How? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider the recommendations of the earlier review of long term empty properties. • Examine a selection of case studies of dilapidated buildings, what action the council has taken to improve them and how successful this has been. • Examine the co-ordination of the council's Grotbusting, planning

	<p>enforcement, building control, environmental health, legal and housing enforcement services working together to address this issue.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make recommendations about how resources can be better prioritised – including criteria for when the council should not intervene in these matters.
	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operational Services • Assistant Director, Housing and Built Environment • Assistant Director, Environment and Place • Grotbusting, planning enforcement, building control, environmental health, legal and housing enforcement teams (as required) • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer
	<p>When? Between June 2017 and May 2018</p>
	<p>Cost? To be met through the existing budgets.</p>
	<p>Dependencies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of key officers and members.
<p>What? Proposal to Close St Leonards Crown Post Office</p>	<p>How?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full Council on 19 April 2017 requested the committee approach the Post Office for full details of the planned closure of the St Leonards Crown Post Office, possibly inviting them to attend a meeting. • Full Council also requested that the committee consider developing a proposal to keep the Crown Post Office open.
	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer <p>When? May / June 2017</p> <p>Cost? To be met through existing budgets.</p> <p>Dependencies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Timescales for the post office consultation on their proposal. • Availability of members, officers and stakeholders. </p>
<p>What?</p> <p>Education</p>	<p>How?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revisit the recommendations of the earlier Overview and Scrutiny review of the council's role in raising educational achievement in Hastings and educational outcomes for the town's children and young people in an academised context • To receive an update on the local education landscape • Meetings with senior representatives of local education partners <p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operational Services • Chief Executive of Education Futures Trust • Regional Schools Commissioner • Principals of local schools • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer <p>When? Between June 2017 and May 2018</p> <p>Cost? To be met through existing budgets.</p> <p>Dependencies? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Availability of partners to participate in the review. </p>
<p>What?</p>	<p>How?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the impact of the council's regeneration activities on

<p>Regeneration</p>	<p>deprived communities within the town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on key regeneration projects, including master planning for the White Rock area • To understand how new project ideas are developed, implemented and reviewed • To consider links between the regeneration of the town and other council priorities, for example access to high quality, affordable housing • To understand the role of local partners
	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Operational Services • Assistant Director, Regeneration and Culture • Marketing and Major Projects Manager • Cultural Strategic Development Specialist • Representatives of local partners, for example Love Hastings • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer
	<p>When?</p> <p>Between June 2017 and May 2018</p>
	<p>Cost?</p> <p>To be met through existing budgets.</p>
	<p>Dependencies?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of members and officers
<p>What?</p> <p>Devolution</p>	<p>How?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To receive an update of 3SC devolution proposals • To discuss the implementation of recommendations from the council's recent Local Government Association Peer review
	<p>Who?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Director of Corporate Services and Governance • Director of Operational Services • Continuous Improvement and Democratic Services Manager

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate and Democratic Services Officer
	When?
	Between June 2017 and May 2018
	Cost?
	To be met through existing budgets.
	Dependencies?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of members and officers
What? Income Generation	How?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To consider the structures the council has in place to assess income generation ideas
	When?
	Between June 2017 and May 2018
	Cost?
	To be met through existing budgets.
	Dependencies?
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Capacity of members and officers