

## **OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME**

### **1 SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report outlines the 2002/2003 work programme which was agreed by this Committee in March 2002 and now seeks Members' agreement to the revisions as outlined.

### **2 INTRODUCTION**

- 2.1 At its inaugural meeting in March, the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee considered its work programme for 2002/2003 in the context of the Council's overall work programme and the decisions taken by Council and its Committees relating to subjects which should be covered by this Overview & Scrutiny Committee.

### **3 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS**

- 3.1 At the March meeting, Committee agreed to the following work programme:-

#### **Prior to the Summer Recess**

- Consideration of policies on the emerging Local Plan and any initiatives around the rural/urban bus network, with priority being given to the Local Plan.
- Essex County Council Highways and their contractor be asked to formally report to this Committee on progress in relation to the town centres, other highway matters and any issues arising in July, the frequency of updates to be determined at that meeting.
- Consideration of the Hackney Carriage Licensing arrangements and consultation with both operators and drivers.

**Post Summer Recess**

- Twice yearly (the September/October and February/March cycles) the Council's Contractor, Serviceteam, be asked to formally report on progress and issues relating to the refuse collection and street cleansing contracts.
- Work on the programming and reporting on the effectiveness of the roll-out of the kerbside recycling initiative and consideration of any amendments to the current scheme and the way forward be timetabled so that it is completed by October/November 2002.

**Ongoing**

- Issues arising out of any problems at the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works be brought to this Committee as and when they arise.
- 3.2 In April, the Environmental Services Committee also asked that this Committee look at the relative merits of having a 3 or 5 year Locally Determined Programme of highway schemes; consider the Love Lane crossing issue; consider police enforcement in terms of parking, stopping and waiting around schools; examine the traffic management issues relating to Websters Way and look at the processes relating to abandoned vehicles.
- 3.3 Subsequently, at full Council in April, motions relating to Waste Recycling and again, the proposed crossing at Love Lane, were also referred to the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The Love Lane motion can be considered when that issue comes before the Overview & Scrutiny Committee. The recycling motion, however, should probably be best considered when the report on the kerbside recycling scheme is discussed.
- 3.4 It is envisaged that these items can be reported into the Committee either just prior to or immediately after the summer recess; nonetheless it is felt that priority must be given to the preparation of the Local Plan. This has already been recognised by the Committee and an additional meeting has already been arranged to facilitate this. Nonetheless, further additional meetings are likely to be required prior to the summer recess to process this work.
- 3.5 The suggested revised work programme is as follows:-

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- Consideration of the Hackney Carriage Licensing arrangements and consultation with both operators and drivers.
- Consideration of a 3 or 5 year Locally Determined Programme.
- Love Lane crossing/Love Lane resolution from April Council meeting.
- Websters Way traffic management issue.

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- Recycling resolution from April Council meeting
- Police Enforcement at school sites.
- Abandoned vehicles.

**Ongoing**

- Issues arising out of problems at the Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works as and when they arise.

3.6 Members' agreement is now sought to this revised work programme.

**4 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 It is proposed that this Committee resolves to agree to the revised work programme as outlined.

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