
OVERALL WORK PROGRAMME

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 This report sets out the main areas of this Committee's work programme for the 2003/2004 municipal year. It picks up any revisions/amendments made since the 2003/2004 work programme was agreed at full Council in February 2003 (mins 82/03). The report also reviews the Committee's work over the past 12 months.

2 DETAILED CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 In accordance with the Council's constitution, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee should consider its priorities for the coming year and look back on its performance over the previous year at its first meeting after Annual Council. It should reconfirm its work programme, including the work programmes of Sub-Committees that report to it.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 therefore lists those areas of work covered in the past year. Appendix 2 sets out the work programme for the Committee over the next 12 months and also the work programmes of those Sub-Committees set up as "task and finish" groups which report into it.

3 RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 That, subject to any Member comments, this Committee resolves to note the progress made over the past 12 months and agree its 2003/2004 work programme as now set out in Appendix 2, including the work programmes of its Sub-Committees.

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Background Papers:

None.

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Appendix 1

Topics Considered in 2002/2003

- Hullbridge, Hockley and Rochford Town Centres (mins 267, 565/2002; 21, 67, and 136/2003)
- Rayleigh Town Centre and Websters Way (mins 266, 494, 497 and 567/2002; 134/2003)
- Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Matters (mins 268, 272 and 563/2002)
- Development Control and Planning operational matters, including the Planning Best Value Review (mins 269, 271, 434, 435, and 572/2002)
- Transportation and Highway Issues, including the locally determined highways budget (mins 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 566/2002 and 66/2003)
- Refuse, waste and recycling issues (mins 347, 348, 349, 350, 571/2002; 22/2003)
- Serviceteam – contract report (mins 432/2002; 135/2003)
- Fly posting, chewing gum and abandoned vehicles (mins 346, 495, 496/2002; 23/2003)
- Environmental/Planning consultations, including the Planning Bill and the SERAS report on Airport provisions (mins 437, 438, 568, 569/2002; 24, 68 and 162/2003)
- Rail/Bus Issues (mins 439, 492, 500 and 564/2002)
- Structure Plan Consultation (mins 137/2003)
- Replacement Local Plan (mins 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615/2002; 26, 69, 70, 71, 72, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 203/2003)
- Public Regulation Inspection and Protection Best Value Review (mins 20/2003)
- Stambridge Sewage Treatment Works (mins 25 and 161/2003)
- Magnolia Road (mins 98 and 133/2003)
- Playing Pitch Assessment (mins 570/2002)

- Back Lane Car Park Access (mins 498/2002)
- Public Footpath Issues (mins 499/2002)
- Citizens Advice Bureau (mins 204/2003)

Appendix 2

2003/2004 Work Programme

From June – October

- Environment Best Value Review – October
- Conclusion of Best Value Work in relation to Public Regulation, Inspection and Protection – September
- Work in connection with the Comprehensive Performance Assessment (CPA)

Between October and Christmas

- Evaluate responses to consultation on first deposit draft of the Local Plan
- Evaluate service delivery in connection with Decriminalised Parking Enforcement

Between Christmas and end of municipal year

- Monitor progress in connection with implementation of Environment Best Value Review
- Monitor progress in connection with Public Regulation, Inspection and Protection Best Value Review
- Monitor progress in connection with community transport.

Items to be brought twice yearly to September/October and February/March Committees

- Serviceteam (re refuse contract and street cleansing)

Items to be brought before June/July and November/December Committees

- ECC Highways re operations as a Highway Authority

Hullbridge Sub-Committee

To oversee the final stages of the town centre enhancement scheme – to be complete by October

Rayleigh Traffic Sub-Committee

To consider options for improvement in traffic flows within Rayleigh Town Centre – to complete by July.