



Cabinet 10 December 2013

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: 4 December 2013

1. Summary and reasons for recommendation

- 1.1 On 4 December 2013, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items:
- (1) Draft Families and Communities Strategy;
 - (2) Decisions Plan: December 2013 to May 2014; and
 - (3) Work Programme Update.
- 1.2 A separate report is included on this Cabinet agenda for Item (1) above.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the content of Report E195 being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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3. Corporate priorities

3.1 The recommendation meets the following, as contained within the Corporate Plan:

(a) Corporate priority 3: *'Working together for an efficient Council'*.

4. Key issues

Decisions Plan: December 2013 to May 2014 (Report E183)

4.1 Members considered the latest Decision Plan, covering the period December 2013 to May 2014.

4.2 The Committee did not request any further information or involvement in any of the current planned decisions.

Work Programme Update (Report E184)

4.3 The Committee now has a rolling work programme, whereby suggestions for scrutiny reviews are brought to each meeting, and if accepted, are timetabled to report to a future meeting. The work programme also leaves space for Call-ins and Councillor Calls for Action.

4.4 The Chairman informed Members that the presentation on 'Future Developments for Regional Transport in West Suffolk' had been rescheduled to 5 March 2014, as Cambridgeshire County Council and Suffolk County Council were jointly commissioning a corridor study of the A1307 which would not be completed until early 2014.

4.5 The Chairman advised Members that the Committee's scheduled meeting on 22 January 2014 would be utilised as an informal Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee held with Forest Heath District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee to enable informal discussions to take place between the two authorities on the Draft West Suffolk Strategic Plan 2014/2016 and Medium Term Financial Strategy.

4.6 Members reviewed the current position of the work programme, and noted the items which were expected at the next meetings of the Committee.

5. Other options considered

5.1 See Reports listed in Section 12.1 below.

6. Community impact

6.1 See Reports listed in Section 12.1 below.

7. Consultation

7.1 See Reports listed in Section 12.1 below.

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8. Financial and resource implications (*including asset management implications*)

8.1 See Reports listed in Section 12.1 below.

9. Risk/opportunity assessment (*potential hazards or opportunities affecting corporate, service or project objectives*)

9.1 See Reports listed in Section 12.1 below.

10. Legal and policy implications

10.1 See Reports listed in Section 12.1 below.

11. Wards affected

11.1 All Wards.

12. Background papers

12.1 Report E183 to Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Decisions Plan – December 2013 to May 2014

12.2 Report E184 to Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update

13. Documents attached

None.

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