



Cabinet 2 September 2014

Report of the Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) Committee (including joint informal discussions with Forest Heath District Council's O&S Committee): 23 July 2014

1. Summary and reasons for recommendation

1.1 On 23 July 2014, the Overview and Scrutiny Committee considered the following items jointly with Forest Heath District Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee:

- (1) Monitoring the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership;
- (2) Draft West Suffolk Housing Strategy;
- (3) Quarter 1 Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications;
- (4) Work Programme Update

2. Recommendation

2.1 The Cabinet is requested to **NOTE** the content of Report F93, being the report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

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3. Strategic priorities

- 3.1 The recommendation meets the following, as contained within the West Suffolk Strategic Plan:
- (a) It supports the delivery of the priorities of the Council as contained in the Strategic Plan in an efficient and effective way.

4. Key issues

Monitoring of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (Report F70)

- 4.1 The Committee received its annual update on the progress of the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP) from 1 April 2013 to 31 March 2014. The report updated Members on a number of the individual projects the Community Safety Partnership had commissioned during 2013/2014 and the change to the future funding mechanisms. The report also represented the final monitoring/close-out report of the WSCSP as a commissioning body. A report on the future developments of the WSCSP would be presented to the Committee later in the year.
- 4.2 The Committee noted the work carried out by the Partnership during 2013/2014. In particular, discussions were held on the Town Pastors; the "Who do you think I am?" project commissioned to the YMCA; and domestic abuse alarms.
- 4.3 It was suggested that it would be helpful in future if update reports included some facts and figures to support projects commissioned by the WSCSP.

Draft West Suffolk Housing Strategy (Report F71)

- 4.4 As part of the consultation process, both St Edmundsbury Borough (SEBC) and Forest Heath District Councils' (FHDC) Committees considered the contents of the Draft West Suffolk Housing Strategy and made comments for proposed changes and revisions. Having taken both authorities Committees' and other stakeholders' comments into account, the post-consultation version of the Strategy will be presented for approval to both SEBC and FHDCs' Cabinets at a joint meeting on 16 September 2014.

Quarter 1 Directed Surveillance Authorised Applications (Verbal Report)

- 4.5 The Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Directed Surveillance and Covert Human Intelligence Sources) Order 2010 requires that Members should scrutinise the authority's use of its surveillance powers on a quarterly basis. In June 2010 it was agreed that this requirement should be fulfilled by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.
- 4.6 The Monitoring Officer had advised that in Quarter 1 no such surveillance had been authorised.

Work Programme Update (Report F72)

- 4.7 Both authorities' Overview and Scrutiny Committees have 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.
- 4.8 The Chairman of St Edmundsbury's Overview and Scrutiny Committee presented the work programme for St Edmundsbury, and advised Members that he had agreed to a request received from Councillor Beckwith for a progress report to be presented to the Committee on 3 September 2014, on "Skyliner Way On-Street Parking".
- 4.9 Members noted the items expected to be presented to the Committee during 2014/2015.

5. Other options considered

- 5.1 See Reports listed in Section 12 below.

6. Community impact

- 6.1 See Reports listed in Section 12 below.

7. Consultation

- 7.1 See Reports listed in Section 12 below.

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

- 8.1 See Reports listed in Section 12 below.

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

- 9.1 See Reports listed in Section 12 below.

10. Legal and policy implications

- 10.1 See Reports listed in Section 12 below.

11. Wards affected

- 11.1 All Wards.

12. Background papers

- 12.1 Report F70 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Monitoring the Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership;
- 12.2 Report F71 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Draft West Suffolk Housing Strategy;
- 12.3 Report F72 to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Work Programme Update

13. Documents attached

None.

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