

## **COMMISSION'S WORK PROGRAMME AND CABINET FORWARD PLAN**

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### **What is the Commission being asked to do?**

The Commission is asked to

- (i) note this update on the Work Programme as a whole;
- (ii) identify any topics from the Cabinet Forward Plan that require review by the Commission at a future meeting, ahead of any item scheduled for consideration by Cabinet; and
- (iii) note the current position with regard to the Task and Finish Groups.

### **Task and Finish Groups**

The Commission is permitted (under the Constitution) to establish four Task and Finish Groups at any one time (not including joint Task and Finish Groups).

Earlier items on this agenda are proposing the establishment of two new task and finish groups, one regarding regeneration delivery and one on rural issues. If these are agreed then the Commission currently has its full quota of Task and Finish Groups (4).

The current position regarding the two established Task and Finish Groups is as follows:

- Local Plan Task and Finish Group

Item to be verbally updated at the meeting.

- Budget Task and Finish Group (Phase 2 Scrutiny of Emerging Budget)

The Budget Task and Finish Group was set up this municipal year on a two phase basis. The initial phase in respect of 'Strategic Review of the Budget' reported direct to the Cabinet Meeting of 16 November 2015, making recommendations for inclusion in the Budget preparation for 2016-17. Cabinet responses to these recommendations were given at the Cabinet's Special meeting of 14 December 2015.

Subsequently the Budget Task & Finish Group has carried out a Phase 2 being a scrutiny of the emerging Budget; recommendations from this Phase are currently being prepared, again the Group are to report direct to Cabinet at the 8 February 2016 Cabinet Meeting.

- Regeneration Delivery Task & Finish Group

As part of its Phase 1 report prepared by the Budget Task & Finish Group the Group recommended that a separate Task and Finish Group be established to investigate the capacity, decision-making process and project delivery arrangements required to achieve the targets set, covering both commercial and residential regeneration.

The establishment of this Regeneration Delivery Task and Finish Group was agreed by the Commission at its previous 11 November 2015 meeting, a scoping report being featured on this Agenda for consideration.

- Task and Finish Group on rural issues

This is proposed in an earlier item on this agenda.

### **Proposing new Review Topics**

If at any time Commission Members wish to suggest further topics for the Commission's consideration then please complete and return the new Work Programme Suggestion Form (**Appendix C**) to the Democratic Services section for consideration at a future meeting of the Commission.

### **Scrutiny Work Programme**

For items coming to meetings of the Commission that are not the subject of a Task and Finish Group, please see the table in **Appendix A**, the current active Task and Finish Groups are also featured in this document in the Gantt chart at the end.

### **Cabinet Forward Plan**

The Commission is also asked to consider the draft Cabinet Forward Plan published on 22 December 2015 (**Appendix B**). The purpose of submitting the Forward Plan to the Commission; is so that Members can review forthcoming items and highlight any reports that the Commission would like to review ahead of Cabinet consideration.