

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).

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

- **Local Plan Task and Finish Group**

The Group last met on Wednesday 11 May 2016 having scrutinised the emerging Local Plan namely:

- Part 1 covering timescales/approvals; content and vision/strategy;
- Part 2 being a Housing numbers update;
- and Part 3 covering the Green Belt; Corporate site issues; a Princes Risborough update and Development management policies.

It was agreed that once the housing numbers had been amended etc. that the draft Cabinet report and documents be emailed to each Task and Finish Group Member for their information as this could then be read at their leisure and that if a further meeting was deemed necessary, it could be arranged through Democratic Services.

Cabinet will be considering the New Local Plan Consultation Draft report on 6th June 2016.

- **Regeneration Development Task & Finish Group.**

The Group had recently met with the Chief Executive and Chairman of the Buckinghamshire Thames Valley Local Enterprise Partnership and the Buckinghamshire County Council Cabinet Member for Transportation along with the Director of Transport TEE (Buckinghamshire County Council) discussing with these guests the contribution the LEP and BCC are making towards regeneration within the Wycombe District and the effectiveness of our joint working arrangements.

Further Group meetings are to be scheduled with the Task and Finish Group looking to produce its final report and recommendations to the meeting of the Commission on 9 November, 2106.

- Rural Issues Task and Finish Group

The Group last met on 19 May 2016 with Nick Phillips, Chief Executive of Community Impact Bucks and member of The Buckinghamshire Rural Affairs Group (BRAG). Discussions took place on the BRAG priorities and how these relate to the Wycombe District area. Information was also provided on future aims of BRAG and consideration was given to the main issues facing rural communities in the District. Representatives from Buckinghamshire Business First and officers from the Planning Team would be invited to further Group meetings.

The Group is focussing on rural affordable housing and the rural economy including broadband provision, with its final report and recommendations due at the Commission's 9 November 2016 meeting.

Budget Task and Finish Group

Last year the Commission's Budget Task & Finish Group reported to Cabinet at both November and February, members are asked to form a view as to the format for Budget Scrutiny this year.

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.

No suggestions have been received for consideration at this meeting.

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 31 May 2016 (**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 consider ahead of Cabinet consideration.