

## **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 established Task and Finish Groups is as follows:

#### **• Local Plan Task and Finish Group**

The Local Plan Task and Finish Group has met on a number of occasions to review the ongoing preparation of the Plan. This included reviewing the draft proposals for Princes Risborough in early 2016, the draft main Local Plan in the middle of 2016, and subsequently discussing the initial outputs from that consultation and the main issues arising in September 2016.

It is proposed that the Group meet to review the emerging draft of the Plan and the report to Cabinet (due 10 July 2017) in respect of the Plan.

#### **• Handy Cross Traffic Management Task and Finish Group**

At the meeting of the Commission on 11 January 2017 Members agreed to the set-up of the Handy Cross Traffic Management Task and Finish Group to be carried out in partnership with Buckinghamshire County Council Members namely members of the BCC Transport, Environment & Community Select Committee (the BCC's scrutiny body).

However initially the impending Buckinghamshire County Council elections prevented membership from County Council being established, with a plan to start the work of the Group post-election being proposed.

The Chairman of the Commission will verbally update the Meeting on developments in respect of this proposed Task & Finish Group.

#### **• Budget Task & Finish Group**

Given the considerable and successful input into both Budget formulation and scrutiny, by the Commission's Budget Task and Finish Group last financial year,

in respect of the 17-18 Budget; it has, as is usually the case, been suggested that this important role be carried out by a similar Task and Finish Group this year. The exact format and personnel of this Scrutiny body to be established by the Commission.

### **Proposed new Review Topics**

Councillor Hugh McCarthy has submitted a topic for inclusion in the Commission's Work Programme specifically as a Task & Finish Group, regarding the return of the River Wye to the High Wycombe town centre as proposed in the Town Centre Masterplan.

This submission is attached as Work Programme Suggestion Form completed by Councillor McCarthy (**Appendix A**).

The Commission's view is sought as to whether this Task and Finish Group is to be set up, with a timescale for completion and Group membership established if appropriate. Alternatively the Commission may consider this as an appropriate item for inclusion of a report on a forthcoming Commission 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 B**) to the Democratic Services section for consideration at a future meeting of the Commission.

No suggestions have previously 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 C**, 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 Cabinet Forward Plan published June 2017 (**Appendix D**). 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.