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 the update on the Work Programme;
- ii) Identify any topics from the Cabinet Forward Plan that require review by the Commission as 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

- 1. The Committee is permitted (under the Constitution) to establish four Task and Finish Groups at any one time (not including joint Task and Finish Groups).
- 2. The current position regarding the established Task and Finish Groups is as follows:

Budget Task and Finish Group

As agreed at the meeting of the Commission on 21 June 2017, Members agreed to the set-up of the Budget Task and Finish Group to be carried out in two stages. With reports to Cabinet in November for the input of recommendations for consideration for inclusion in the evolving 2018-19 budget, then again at a later Cabinet meeting with recommendations as a result of the scrutiny of the proposed budget.

The 1st phase was completed by report to the Commission at its last meeting 8 November 2017 and the Cabinet Meeting of 13 November 2017.

It is planned that the 2nd phase recommendations are to be reported direct to the Cabinet Meeting on 5 February 2018 by the Group Vice-Chairman Councillor Alex Collingwood and the Commission Chairman Councillor Ron Gaffney.

Remaking the River Wye Task and Finish Group

A report providing an update on the Remaking the River Wye Task and Finish Group has been included in the agenda for the IRC meeting on the 10 January 2018.

Proposed new Review Topics

3. 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 Suggest Form (Appendix A) to the Democratic Services section for consideration at a future meeting of the Commission.

Scrutiny Work Programme

4. 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 B**, the current active Task and Finish Groups are also featured in the Gantt Chart at the end.

Cabinet Forward Plan

5. The Commission is also asked to consider the Cabinet Forward Plan published December 2017 (**Appendix C**). 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.