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Colchester	3 August 2022	
Report of	Assistant Director, Environment Author Owen Howell 🕿 282518	
Title	Work Programme 2022-23	
Wards affected	Not applicable	

15. Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out the dates of the Work Programme for 2022-2023 for the Policy Panel and gives the Panel an opportunity to consider what subjects for which it may wish to request Cabinet approval for the Panel to consider in the 2022-23 municipal year. Cabinet may also wish to consider what subjects it might want the Policy Panel to consider during 2022-23.

2. Recommended Decision

2.1 The Panel is asked to note the dates of the Panel's Work Programme for 2022-2023 as set out below and to consider if it wishes to request Cabinet approval for work items to be added.

3. Alternative Options

3.1 This function forms part of the Panel's Terms of Reference and, as such, no alternative options are presented.

4. Background Information

- 4.1 The Policy Panel's Work Programme will evolve as the municipal year progresses. Items can be added to the Work Programme by request of Portfolio Holders and/or Cabinet requesting policies, strategies or other issues to be reviewed.
- 4.2 The Panel did not receive Cabinet approval for the Panel's request to examine 'Enforcement of Planning conditions and how to strengthen this'. Cabinet's reasoning on this was as follows:

'The Cabinet supported the recommendation that Policy Panel look at the subjects identified but considered it was more appropriate that the issue of enforcement of planning conditions be looked at by the Planning Committee or Local Plan Committee.'

4.3 The Panel received approval to examine the following items, which have now been scheduled. It should be noted that the items relating to 'Voter ID requirements' and 'city status ramifications' will both consist of verbal updates at this point, with substantive reports to be produced once sufficient detail is possible and, in the case of 'Voter ID requirements', if and when the necessary secondary legislation is laid down and approved by Parliament:

- a) City Status, ramifications and opportunities
- b) New voter ID requirements
- c) Cost of living crisis
- d) Green/Blue infrastructure strategy update
- e) Developing the roles of CBC Champions
- f) Climate Change Policy [potentially in cooperation with the Environment and Sustainability Panel]

5. Standard References

5.1 There are no specific references to publicity or consultation considerations; or financial; equality, diversity and human rights; community safety; health and safety or risk management implications.

6. Strategic Plan References

6.1 Policy review is integral to the delivery of the Strategic Plan's priorities and direction for the Borough as set out under the four themes of growth, responsibility, opportunity, and wellbeing.

Policy Panel Work Programme 2022-23

15 June 2022

• Work Programme 2022-23

3 August 2022

- City Status meaning and opportunities [verbal update]
- New Voter ID requirements [verbal update]
- Hear ideas from the public

21 September 2022

- Cost of Living Crisis and update on Council mitigations of financial inequality
- Green/Blue infrastructure strategy

23 November 2022

• How to develop roles of CBC Champions

11 January 2023

• Climate Change Policy

1 March 2023

• Grounds Maintenance Contract