

Title

Policy and Public Initiatives Panel

Item 9

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Report of Assistant Director Policy and Author

Corporate

Work Programme 2019-20

Wards Not applicable affected

1. Executive Summary

1.1 This report sets out the current Work Programme 2019-2020 for the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel, providing details of the items of business that are scheduled for each meeting during the municipal year.

2. Recommended Decision

2.1 The Panel is asked to note the contents of the Panel's Work Programme for 2019-2020 as set out below and to confirm the appropriate scheduling of work for the next municipal year.

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 and Public Initiatives Panel's Work Programme will evolve as the municipal year progresses. Items can be added to the Work Programme in two ways, either through Cabinet approving a request from the Panel, or Portfolio Holders and Cabinet requesting policies, strategies or other issues be reviewed. The Panel may also receive outline scoping reports on service reviews that are taking place across the Council and these will be added to the work programme when appropriate.
- 4.2 On 4 September approval was given by Cabinet for the drafting of a vision document for the River Colne, which will then come to the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel for examination and public comment before being sent to Cabinet for approval. Officers are currently examining the ramifications of this and the resources and time required to produce the draft document for consideration. This will be added to the Panel's Work Programme once a timescale for drafting has been set.

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.

7. Appendix

7.1 Appendix A – Provisional Work Programme for 2019-20

Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Work Programme 2019-20

19 June 2019

- 1. Responsible Dog Ownership
- 2. Work Programme 2019-20 and suggestion of items for consideration

31 July 2019

1. The use of the River Colne in terms of encouraging more effective use from environmental and activity aspects.

25 September 2019

1. Public Engagement – Survey Responses and Contributions at the meeting.

27 November 2019

- 1. Impact of Universal Credit and Austerity Measures
- 2. Potential for providing a Youth Zone sports and social centre

15 January 2020

- 1. Next steps regarding options for Colchester High Street: agreeing objectives, gathering data and consulting stakeholders and the public.
- 2. Secure and covered cycle storage options

4 March 2020

1. Review of the Cabinet and Leader model of Council administration and the alternative committee model

Requests awaiting consideration by Cabinet:

None currently outstanding.