



Policy and Public Initiatives Panel

Item
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27 November 2019

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Title	Work Programme 2019-20		
Wards affected	Not applicable		

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 municipal year.
- 2.2 The Panel is asked to approve a change in date, to move the Panel meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 January 2020 to instead take place on Monday 20 January 2020. This is to ensure that the attendance of key officers is possible.

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 25 September the Panel recommended that Cabinet approve the Panel to examine options for providing or supporting the provision of a new lifelong learning centre in the Borough. On 9 October Cabinet decided that this would risk duplication of services already being provided. The following resolution was made by Cabinet:

RESOLVED that the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Public Safety and Licensing work with One Colchester to look at the provision of lifelong learning within Colchester to map the existing provision and ensure that it was effectively promoted and signposted.

REASONS The Cabinet considered that if the recommendation from the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel were agreed there would be a risk of duplication of services, as there was already existing provision of lifelong learning.

- 4.3 The above Cabinet resolution means that an item relating to this matter will not be added to the Work Programme of the Policy and Public Initiatives Panel.
- 4.4 The Panel had been scheduled to consider an item on the impacts of Universal Credit and Austerity measures at its meeting on 27 November 2019. This has been rescheduled to 4 March 2020 to better facilitate participation by all relevant stakeholders.
- 4.5 As noted at 2.2 of this report, the Panel is asked to approve a change in date, to move the Panel meeting scheduled for Wednesday 15 January 2020 to instead take place on Monday 20 January 2020. This is to ensure that the attendance of key officers is possible, thus allowing a full discussion of the item 'Next steps regarding options for Colchester High Street' and for questions from the Panel to be answered effectively. This has been noted in the work programme found at Appendix A.

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 – Work Programme for 2019-20

Policy and Public Initiatives Panel Work Programme 2019-20

19 June 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Responsible Dog Ownership 2. Work Programme 2019-20 and suggestion of items for consideration
31 July 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The use of the River Colne in terms of encouraging more effective use from environmental and activity aspects.
25 September 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public Engagement – Survey Responses and Contributions at the meeting.
27 November 2019
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Potential for providing a Youth Zone sports and social centre
15 January 2020 20 January 2020
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review of the Cabinet and Leader model of Council administration and the alternative committee model 2. Impact of Universal Credit and Austerity Measures

Requests awaiting consideration by Cabinet:

- None currently outstanding.