



Policy and Public Initiatives Panel

Item
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31 July 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 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 Approval was sought from Cabinet for the inclusion in the work programme of requests relating to the following items. Approval for these items was given by Cabinet on 10 July 2019:

- (a) A review of the Council's Cabinet and Leader model of administrative arrangements to determine whether the Council should continue with these arrangements or revert to a committee model;
- (b) To investigate the potential for providing a sports and social centre for young people, in the form of a Youth Zone;
- (c) To investigate the provision of secure and covered bicycle parking options for Colchester.

4.3 The three items named in 4.2 above are provisionally scheduled for consideration by the Panel on the following dates, subject to the Panel's preferences and officer availability:

- (a) Cabinet and Leader model of administration: 4 March 2020
- (b) Potential for a Youth Zone in Colchester: 27 November 2019
- (c) Secure and covered bicycle parking: 5 January 2020

4.4 The item relating to secure cycle storage is felt to compliment the existing item scheduled for 5 January (relating to Colchester High Street) and the examination of the current and potential forms of administrative arrangements for the Council has been recommended for 4 March as there are currently no items scheduled for that meeting. The Panel resolved to undertake another Public Engagement session, which has been scheduled for 25 September 2019, and which will likely be an involved meeting with no capacity for further substantive items to be added to the agenda.

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
<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. Impact of Universal Credit and Austerity Measures 2. Potential for providing a Youth Zone sports and social centre
15 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

Requests awaiting consideration by Cabinet:

- None currently outstanding.