



REPORT TO: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

DATE: 3 DECEMBER 2015

REPORT OF THE: HEAD OF CORPORATE SERVICES

TITLE OF REPORT: SCRUTINY REVIEW TOPIC

WARDS AFFECTED: ALL

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To present members of the committee with some suggestion for the scope of the next scrutiny review

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That members agree the topic and scope for the next scrutiny review, with a presentation and terms of reference to be presented to the next meeting

3.0 SIGNIFICANT RISKS

- 3.1 There are no risks associated with the report

4.0 BACKGROUND AND INTRODUCTION

- 4.1 The Committee has recently concluded a review of Fuel Poverty and Affordable Warmth and is now in a position to commission the next scrutiny review.

5.0 CONSULTATION

- 5.1 The review chosen will include analysis of engagement with customers, residents and partners and may include additional engagement activity depending on the topic and the final scope.

6.0 REPORT DETAILS

- 6.1 The members of the committee suggested three subject areas for the possible scope for a number of possible scrutiny reviews which can be found below:
- 6.2 Topic 1: To revisit the scrutiny review of the role the Council plays in supporting the voluntary and community sector, agreed by the members of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 4th October 2012. The final report is attached at Annex A.

Lead Officer for the review:
Jos Holmes, Economy and Community Manager

The review could include:

- Review of the current funding and policy environment
- RDC support provided since the review and possible future role
- Impact of original review
- Impact of RDC support and the value to the sector of different types of support
- Analysis of grants by type and location
- Links to other programmes e.g. NYCC Stronger Communities,
- Links to CIL and S106 agreements and Public Open Space
- Contribution of the VCS to the delivery of Council Priorities
- Impact and reach into communities of the grants offered by RDC

Timing:

It is estimated that this review would require 6 months, if it is to include some engagement and consultation with the Voluntary and Community Sector.

Recommendations could include:

- A clear policy and with resources for supporting the voluntary and community sector with a view to 2020
- Clear links between support offered and delivery of the Councils priorities

6.3 Topic 2: What property do we own, what do we use it for and how much does it cost and should the Council keep or sell it?

Lead officer for the review:
Beckie Bennett, Head of Environment, Streetscene and Facilities

The review could consider:

- The property currently owned by the Council
- The use made of Council property by the Council or others
- The cost of the current portfolio of property to the Council
- An appraisal of the options available to use, let or dispose of property within the Councils portfolio, linked to the future provision of council services

Timing:

It is estimated that this review would take six months and could follow the review of the support for the VCS, starting in April 2016 and making recommendations to Policy and Resources in September 2016

Recommendations could include:

- A new asset management strategy including a vision, principles and strategic objectives, linked clearly to the delivery of the Councils priorities.

6.4 Topic 3. To review the role of the Council in supporting improvement in levels of road safety in Ryedale, developing an understanding of what the issue is and where and what the Council can help to do about it?

The review could include:

- A review of multi agency working through the Safer Ryedale partnership, 95 Alive and the Speed Management Protocol.
- Study of the latest reports by the Department of Transport on rural road safety
- A review of the statistics available on road safety

- Study of the community safety plan and related delivery plans including activity commissioned by the Police and Crime Commissioner through the 95 Alive Partnership and NYCC Road Safety education service.
- Analysis of recent engagement activity undertaken

Timing:

It is estimated that this review could be concluded within 6 months.

Recommendations could include:

- Improved integration of road safety interventions from various agencies
- Identify resources to develop interventions.

7.0 NEXT STEPS

7.1 Dates of future meetings of the Scrutiny Committee are as follows:

- 18 February 2016
- 7 April 2016
- 23 June 2016
- 29 Sept 2016
- 1 December 2016
- 16 February 2017
- 30 March 2017

Members will need to select a topic for the next review and also to consider the pacing of any preferred reviews and the resources available to support reviews undertaken.

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Background Papers: