

1.	Meeting:	Improving Places Select Commission
2.	Date:	Wednesday 26th March 2014
3.	Title:	Work Programme 2013/14 – update and forward planning
4.	Directorate:	Chief Executive's

5. Summary

This report provides The Improving Places Select Commission with an update progress on the delivery to date, summarising achievements and changes that have taken place. It also reports on future agenda items and potential themes going forward into 2014/15.

6. Recommendation

That Members:

- **Note achievements so far.**
- **Consider the implications for the rest of this year's work programme**
- **Consider the approach it would like to adopt for 2014/15 work programme**

7. Proposals and Details

The work programme for 2013/14 was agreed at the OSMB meeting on the 28th June 2014. It is attached at appendix A, including a column on progress. This report provides members with an update on the progress made to date.

In summary the results so far include:

- 2 out of the 7 items on the work programme have been completed.
- 3 out of the 7 items are underway and almost completed, making the Commission on track for completion of over 70% of its work programme by the end of April 14.
- 2 out of the 7 items have not commenced (although one of these has been commenced by the Self Regulation Select Commission)
- The Select Commission is on track to complete 2 full reviews this year, in line with its target set by OSMB at the beginning of the year.

Forward Planning : Items still to be considered:

Final Scrutiny review reports on:

- Homelessness
- Supporting the Local Economy

Update reports on:

- Roads maintenance
- Off road motorbikes
- Housing repairs

Future work programme items suggested to date:

- Selective Licensing proposals
- Parking enforcement
- Green energy/The Big Switch
- Tram-train and electrification
- Apprenticeships

The Scrutiny review final reports and update reports can all be scheduled before the Summer recess. Members should consider which other future items from the list above they wish to be prioritised in this years programme and which ones could be considered as part of the work programme for 2014/15.

By way of an update, the other Select Commissions are also looking at their forward planning for 2014/15. The Health Select Commission are focusing predominantly on one theme for the year – Mental Health and Wellbeing, and the Improving Lives Select Commission programme is likely to be focused around the theme of Safeguarding. It has also been suggested that the theme of DWP work and other programmes will be the focus for OSMB. Improving Places may well therefore wish to consider whether its work programme could be focused around such a theme and whether that theme may emerge from the current review on Supporting the Local Economy.

8. Finance

No direct financial implications.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

The development of a clear work programme maximises the potential for Scrutiny to have an impact and mitigates against the risk of using resources with little impact or outcome. It does, however, need to maintain flexibility to allow for uncertainties to be accommodated within the planning process.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

The Scrutiny work programme aims to add value to corporate priorities by addressing key policy and performance priorities. These are taken into consideration when defining the work programme on an annual basis.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

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