

MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL

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FORWARD PLAN FOR 2017/2018

The table below is a draft of the forward plan for the Mid Suffolk Overview and Scrutiny Committee. This table will be reviewed at each meeting and could be amended in the light of new items arising or as a result of items on the Forthcoming Decisions List being selected for scrutiny.

Date of Committee – 17 August 2017

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Joint Strategic plan reference
Review of Western Suffolk Community Safety Partnership (WSCSP)	For the members to consider the actions of the Western CSP and in doing so fulfil the requirement for the Committee to meet at least once every 12 months in their role as the Crime and Disorder Committee.	Melanie Yolland - Communities Officer (Safe) and Safeguarding Lead and Prevent Lead. (The chair if WSCSP, Cllr Robert Everitt, will also attend).	Continued support for health and wellbeing outcomes that prevent interventions.
Scoping a review of voids	To scope the area and identify how Overview and Scrutiny (O&S) could add value to the process.	Sue Lister – Corporate Manager Housing Options Justin Wright-Newton – Corporate Manager Babergh and Mid Suffolk Building Services.	Make best use of our existing Housing assets
Update from Development Control on Planning Appeals	To inform members of the Committee of the position on planning appeals and report on the actions taken to address the matters highlighted when the matter was before Joint scrutiny in December 2016.	Tom Barker – Assistant Director – Planning for Growth; Philip Isbell – Corporate Manager – Growth and Sustainable Planning	Agree where growth goes; unlock barriers to growth;

Date of Committee – 14 September 2017

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Joint Strategic plan reference
Voids review	Members to receive a report as scoped at the August meeting.	Sue Lister – Corporate Manager Housing Options Justin Wright-Newton – Corporate Manager Babergh and Mid Suffolk Building Services.	Make best use of our existing Housing assets
Supporting Business Growth	To look at how business rates retention could be maximised and how the growth of micro-businesses could be supported.	Lee Carvell – Corporate Manager - Open for Business	Engage with and support business to thrive; Increased understanding of local businesses and their needs.

Date of Committee – 19 October 2017

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Joint Strategic plan reference
Neighbourhood plans	The Corporate Manager – Community Planning and Heritage was asked to report back on progress on the recommendations made by the Joint Scrutiny Committee in April 2017.	William Newman - Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning	Communities engaged as early as possible - community led planning
Community Engagement	Senior Leadership Team were asked to report back regarding the recommendations from the Joint Scrutiny Committee in April 2017.	Mike Evans – Strategic Director	Provide insight of growth benefits to Communities and Communities embrace new homes growth.
Community grants	The Corporate Manager – Strong and Safe Communities was asked to report back following a 'health check' of the groups receiving grants.	Sue Clements - Corporate Manager – Strong and Safe Communities	Targeted grants and funding to support Community capacity building; Community led solutions to deliver services and manage assets.

Performance management	To consider the performance measures that have been developed since the matter was considered at the July meeting of the Committee.	Karen Coll - Corporate Manager – Business Improvement (Communities)	Intelligence-based community insight and outcome-focused performance management.
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Date of Committee – 16 November 2017

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Joint Strategic plan reference
CIL	Review of the impact and delivery of the CIL regime for Infrastructure	William Newman - Corporate Manager – Strategic Planning	Agree where growth goes
Review of the effectiveness of preparations for the introduction of the Homelessness Reduction Act	To review the actions that are being taken to prepare for the anticipated impacts of the Homelessness Reduction Act being implemented in April 2018	Heather Sparrow – Corporate Manager - Homeless Prevention and Older Persons	Make best use of our existing Housing assets
Scoping a review of the Legal Services Partnership.	To identify what the Committee would want to look at in this review and also what the aims, objectives and desired outcomes, of the review would be.	Emily Yule - Assistant Director – Law and Governance.	Financially sustainable Councils; Strengthened and clear governance to enable delivery.

Date of Committee – 14 December 2017

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer	Joint Strategic plan reference
Review of the Legal Services Partnership.	To carry out the review in accordance with the aims, objectives and desired outcomes identified in the scoping carried out at the November 2017 meeting.	Assistant Director – Law and Governance.	Financially sustainable Councils; Strengthened and clear governance to enable delivery.

Topics identified for review by O&S but not currently timetabled:

Babergh and Mid Suffolk Building Services.

Plan for this to be reviewed 12 months after the implementation of the services, in April 2018.

Home Ownership Review.

This was on the forthcoming decisions List for July 2017 but has been deferred for Cabinet consideration in August 2017.

Performance and Risk

It was decided at the July 2017 meeting that officers would report to the committee again when the performance measures had been refined to ensure the correct measures were being monitored.

Investment Strategy

It was agreed at the July 2017 meeting that this would be included in the forward plan at an as yet to be determined date.

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