

From: Peter Sass, Head of Democratic Services

To: Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet
Committee – 15 September 2015

Subject: **Work Programme 2015/16**

Classification: **Unrestricted**

Past Pathway of Paper: Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet
Committee meeting – 7 July 2015

Future Pathway of Paper: Standard agenda item

Summary: This report gives details of the proposed work programme for the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee.

Recommendation: That the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee considers and agrees its Work Programme for 2015/16.

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The proposed Work Programme, appended to the report, has been compiled from items in the Future Executive Decision List and from actions arising and from topics identified at the agenda setting meetings, held 6 weeks before a Cabinet Committee meeting in accordance with the Constitution, by the Chairman, Mr Wickham, Mr Holden, Vice Chairman and 3 Group Spokesmen, Mr Clarke, Mr Truelove and Mr Baldock.
- 1.2 Whilst the Chairman, in consultation with the Cabinet Member, are responsible for the programme's fine tuning, this item gives all Members of this Cabinet Committee the opportunity to suggest amendments and additional agenda items where appropriate.

2. Terms of Reference

- 2.1 At its meeting held on 27 March 2014, the County Council agreed the following terms of reference for the Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee '*To be responsible for those functions that fall within the responsibilities of the Director of Economic Development as well as some functions transferred from the former Communities Directorate and now located within the Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate*'. The functions within the remit of this Cabinet Committee are:

Economic Development

Economic & Spatial Development

Strategy & Development

International Affairs

Regeneration Projects including Grant and Loan schemes and other 'bid for funded' projects

LEP reporting and monitoring

Kent Film Office

Communities

Arts

Sport

Libraries

Registration and Archives

Volunteering

Big Society

3. Work Programme 2015

- 3.1 The proposed Work Programme has been compiled from items in the Future Executive Decision List and from actions arising and from topics, within the remit of the functions, listed in paragraph 2.1 above, of this Cabinet Committee, identified at the agenda setting meetings [Agenda setting meetings are held 6 weeks before a Cabinet Committee meeting in accordance with the Constitution]. The attendees of the agenda setting meetings are; Mr Wickham, (Chairman), Mr Holden, (Vice Chairman) and 3 Group Spokesmen, Mr Clarke, Mr Truelove, Mr Baldock; and Mr Dance (Cabinet Member for Economic Development) and Mr Hill (Cabinet Member for Community Services).
- 3.2 An agenda setting meeting was held on 31 July 2015, when items for this meeting's agenda and future agenda items were agreed. The Cabinet Committee is requested to consider and note the items within the proposed Work Programme, set out in appendix A to this report, and to suggest any additional topics to be considered at future meetings where appropriate.
- 3.3 The schedule of commissioning activity 2015-16 to 2017-18 that falls within the remit of this Cabinet Committee will be included in the Work Programme and considered at future agenda setting meetings to support more effective forward agenda planning and allow Members to have oversight of significant services delivery decisions in advance. The next agenda setting meeting is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, 13 October 2015.
- 3.5 When selecting future items the Cabinet Committee should give consideration to the contents of performance monitoring reports. Any 'for information' items will be sent to Members of the Cabinet Committee separately to the agenda and will not be discussed at the Cabinet Committee meetings.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 It is vital for the Cabinet Committee process that the Committee takes ownership of its work programme to deliver informed and considered decisions. A regular report will be submitted to each meeting of the Cabinet Committee to give updates of requested topics and to seek suggestions for future items to be considered. This does not preclude Members making requests to the Chairman or the Democratic Services Officer between meetings for consideration.

<p>5. Recommendation: The Growth, Economic Development and Communities Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and agree its work programme for 2015.</p>

6. Background Documents

None.

7. Contact details

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GROWTH, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITIES CABINET COMMITTEE
WORK PROGRAMME 2014/2015

(Members agreed that the number of jobs, being created through the work being undertaken in the reports presented to the Cabinet Committee, should appear at the top of each report where appropriate)

FORTHCOMING EXECUTIVE DECISIONS		
Decision	Decision Maker	Lead officer
Discovery Park Enterprise Zone, Sandwich. Growing Places Fund investment Decision Number: 13/00034	Cabinet Member for Economic Development	Ross Gill, Economic Policy and Strategy Manager Tel: 01622 691131 e-mail: ross.gill@kent.gov.uk

STANDARD AGENDA ITEMS	
Item	Cabinet Committee to receive item
Verbal updates by the Directors and Cabinet Members	At each meeting
Portfolio Dashboard	At each meeting
Budget Consultation	Annually (November/December)
Final Draft Budget	Annually (January)
Annual Equality and Diversity Report	Annually (September)
Work Programme	At each Meeting

PROPOSED FUTURE ITEMS		
Agenda Item	Date requested	Cabinet Committee meeting
Paramount Theme Park project on Swanscombe Peninsular	29/07/2013	Regular updates
Shipping in Kent Ports –(Marine diesel) <i>Request by the Cabinet Member</i>		Part of Cabinet Members verbal update in Jan 2015
Ebbsfleet	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	tba
Urban Development Corporation	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	tba
Support for Start Ups and Entrepreneurs	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	tba
2020 Business Show	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	Members to be advise of date and time of show
Manston Airport	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	Regular updates
PRESENTATIONS		
Thanet Seafront	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	tba
Paramount Theme Park project on Swanscombe Peninsular	14/10/2014 agenda setting meeting	In 2015
VISITS		
VISIT: TIGER and Escalate - <i>Request by Chairman</i>	11/12/2013	Jacqui Ward to organise visits before 2 December 2014 meeting
VISITS: To Businesses in East Kent with the Investment Advisory Board	11/12/2013	tba
VISIT: Discovery Park	14/10/2014 agenda setting	David Smith to organise