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To: Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee – 4 December 2015
Subject: Work Programme 2016
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Summary: This report gives details of the proposed Work Programme for the Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee.

Recommendation: The Environment & Transport Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and agree its Work Programme for 2016 as set out in Appendix 1 of this report.

1. Introduction

(1) The proposed Work Programme has been compiled from items on the Forthcoming Executive Decision List; from actions arising from previous meetings, and from topics identified at agenda setting meetings, held 6 weeks before each Cabinet Committee meeting in accordance with the Constitution by the Chairman, Mrs Stockell, and the Vice-Chairman, Mr Pearman as well as the 3 Group Spokesman; Mr Baldock, Mr Caller and Mr Chittenden.

(2) Whilst the Chairman, in consultation with the Cabinet Members, is responsible for the final selection of items for the agenda, this item gives all Members of the Cabinet Committee the opportunity to suggest amendments and additional agenda items where appropriate.

2. Terms of Reference

(1) At its meeting held on 27 March 2014, the County Council agreed the following terms of reference for the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee '*To be responsible for the majority of the functions that fall within the responsibilities of the Director of Highways, Transportation and Waste and Director of Environment Planning and Enforcement and which sit within the Growth, Environment and Transport Directorate*'. The functions within the remit of this Cabinet Committee are:

Highways Transportation & Waste

- Highway Operations
- Programmed Works
- Transportation
- Public Transport
- Future Service Improvement
- Contract Management
- Waste Resource Management
- Road Safety including Road Crossing Patrols

Environment, Planning & Enforcement

- Sustainability and Climate Change
- Heritage Conservation
- Country Parks
- Strategic Transport Planning
- Regulatory Services-Including Public Rights of Way & Access
- Kent Scientific Services & Countryside Management Partnerships
- Flood Risk and Natural Environment
- Environment programmes
- Gypsy and Traveller Unit
- Local Development Plans
- Trading Standards
- Coroners
- Community Safety & Emergency Planning, including Community Wardens

3. Work Programme 2016

(1) An agenda setting meeting was held on 21 October 2015 and items for this meeting's agenda were agreed. The Cabinet Committee is requested to consider and note the items within the proposed Work Programme, set out in Appendix 1 to this report, and to suggest any additional topics that they wish to be considered for inclusion to the agenda of future meetings.

(2) When selecting future items the Cabinet Committee should give consideration to the contents of performance monitoring reports. Any 'for information' or briefing items will be sent to Members of the Cabinet Committee separately to the agenda or separate member briefings will be arranged where appropriate.

(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 allows Members to have oversight of significant services delivery decisions in advance. The next agenda setting meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 2 December 2015

4. Conclusion

It is vital for the Cabinet Committee process that the Committee takes ownership of its Work Programme to help the Cabinet Member 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.

5. Recommendation

The Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee is asked to consider and agree its Work Programme for 2016 as set out in Appendix A to this report.

6. Background Documents

None

7. Appendix

Work Programme – Appendix A

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