

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

Report of Chief Executive to Place, People and Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committees

On 10th, 11th and 13th July 2017

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In depth Scrutiny projects – 2017/ 18 A Part 1 Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 For each Scrutiny Committee to agree the in depth scrutiny project to be undertaken in the 2017 / 18 Municipal Year.
- 1.2 The report also attaches some information about the work carried out by each of the Scrutiny Committees in the 2016 / 17 Municipal Year.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That each Scrutiny Committee select the topic it wishes to undertake for in-depth study in 2017/18.
- 2.2 To note the information attached at **Appendix 3**, the summary of work of the 3 Scrutiny Committees during 2016 / 2017.

3. In depth scrutiny projects

- 3.1 Involvement with in-depth studies enables Members to 'get their teeth into' a particular topic and also to influence and shape proposals before they are implemented.
- 3.2 Each of the studies are led by a Member project team / programme working party and the appointments were agreed at Council on 18th May 2017 (refer to **Appendix 1**).
- 3.3 Members should always aim to select a topic which can identify real service improvements and results in benefits / outcomes. To assist the Committees in selected a topic for this Municipal Year, a list of previous topics undertaken for in depth study since 2010 is attached at **Appendix 2**. In 2016/17, the Place & Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committees undertook a project jointly.
- 3.4 Each Scrutiny Committee is now requested to select the topic it wishes to undertake for in depth study in 2017/18.
- 3.5 Work undertaken by each of the Scrutiny Committees in the 2016 / 17 - attached at **Appendix 3** is a summary of the work undertaken by each of the Scrutiny Committees in the 16/17 Municipal Year.

4. Corporate Implications

- 4.1 Contribution to Council's Vision and Critical Priorities – Becoming an excellent and high performing organisation.
- 4.2 Financial Implications – there are costs associated with organising in depth projects relating to officer time but this will all be contained within existing resources.
- 4.3 Legal Implications – none.
- 4.4 People Implications – none.
- 4.5 Property Implications – none.
- 4.6 Consultation – as described in report.
- 4.7 Equalities Impact Assessment – none.
- 4.8 Risk Assessment – none.

5. Background Papers

None

6. Appendices

Appendix 1 – membership of project teams / programme working parties

Appendix 2 – list of previous in depth topics since 2010

Appendix 3 – summary of work of the 3 Scrutiny Cttees 2016 / 2017