

## PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

### Work Programme 2013/2014 - Evaluation

During the 2013/14 Municipal Year, the **Place Scrutiny Committee** held **7** meetings and met on the following dates – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013, 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013, 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014, 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 and 7<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Members undertook the following scrutiny work:-

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **27 call-in items** and **3 items referred direct** from Cabinet/Cabinet Committee. No items were called in from the Forward Plan. All budget items were **referred direct** to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (4 items).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **5** pre Cabinet items:

- Southend Skills Strategy – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Review of Victoria Gateway Scheme – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Southend Foreshore Fisheries – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Elm Road Development Brief – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Shoebury Common Flood Risk Management Scheme – 16<sup>th</sup> October 2013 (Special Meeting).

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Questions from members of the public – the Executive Councillor for Culture and Tourism responded to 4 written questions relating to the Review of the Library Service (8<sup>th</sup> July 2013, 7<sup>th</sup> October and 25<sup>th</sup> November), the Deputy Leader responded to written questions regarding the Shoebury Common Flood Defence Scheme (25<sup>th</sup> November 2013)
- Monthly Performance reports – Exception Reports also considered;
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (reported to October meeting) and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 (reported to January 2014 meeting) *see note below*.

In-depth scrutiny project:

Current project – *Promoting a Positive Image for Southend*. – The topic was agreed at the meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> July 2013 (Minute 130 refers). The full Committee received updates on progress in this project during the course of the year. The project is Chaired by Councillor Ann Holland. Unfortunately the project was postponed due to availability of staff. It is proposed that the project continue to its conclusion later this year.

Other Agenda items considered:

- Southend Foreshore Erosion – 7<sup>th</sup> October 2013
- Refuse Collection – Item requested by Councillor Assenheim in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 35.1(d) – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2013
- Essex and Southend Waste Partnership Programme - Residual Waste Treatment Contract/Refuse Derived Fuel – 17<sup>th</sup> February 2014 (Special Meeting)

### Member briefing sessions

At the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum meeting in January, Members discussed the format of member briefing sessions / presentation. The Forum resolved that copies of any handouts / presentation slides from Member briefings / presentations should be placed centrally on the Council's intranet so they can be easily accessible to all Members.

There is now a dedicated page on the intranet. The link to follow is <http://pegasus/support/Pages/default.aspx> You need to click on 'Handouts from Briefings' in the dropdown list on the page.