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Dear Councillor

PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - MONDAY, 9TH OCTOBER, 2017

Please find enclosed for Members' approval, a copy of the project plan for the in-depth Scrutiny project 2017/18 which is listed at item number 13 on the Agenda for the meeting of the Place Scrutiny Committee taking place on Monday, 9th October, 2017.

Yours faithfully

Tim Row
Principal Committee Officer

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PLACE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE IN-DEPTH STUDY 2017/18

TOPIC: 'MAXIMISING THE USE OF TECHNOLOGY THROUGH THE SMART CITY AND DIGITAL FUTURES AGENDA"

FRAMEWORK FOR SCRUTINY / SCOPE OF PROJECT:

I. To explore the different approaches and understand how the Council is embracing new concepts and technologies in delivering cost effective solutions across its economic, social and environmental responsibilities; its journey towards becoming a "Smart City".

II. To develop a list of potential projects with the Council's partner organisations, focused on using information and optimising data to improve understanding of the Borough and provide evidence-based, intelligent solutions to support and empower the people living, working, visiting and studying in Southend on Sea.

III. To review the extent to which the activities envisaged match up with the wants and needs of local resident and businesses.

IV. To review how the agenda becomes an agenda for the borough as opposed to just the Borough Council

V. To investigate potential sources of funding and incentives for developing and/or extending "Smart City" type initiatives.

Method: Through project team meetings, witness sessions, visits and/or workshops.	**Target date:** April 2018

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillors: Alex Bright, Tino Callaghan, Jonathan Garston, Nigel Folkard, Derek Kenyon, James Moyies, Helen McDonald, David McGlone, Kevin Robinson (Chair)

Officer / partner support – Nick Corrigan, David Cummings and Tim Row.

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

The evidence base will be:

a. The Government's Digital Strategy
   https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-digital-strategy/uk-digital-strategy

b. DCMS proposal for the extension of full fibre networks
   https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/640108/Extending_Local_Full_Fibre_Networks_Call_for_Evidence_-_Summary_of_Responses_PDF.pdf

c. The Future Cities Catapult
   http://futurecities.catapult.org.uk/urban-innovation-centre/events/

d. The NHS mid and South Essex Sustainability & Transformation Plan (STP)

e. The Council's Data Centre

f. CISCO – providers of a City Connected Digital Platform

POTENTIAL WITNESSES

<u>SBC Portfolio Holders</u> for ICT, Economic Growth & Development, Public Protection and Health & Social Care

<u>Providers of Core Infrastructure</u>
- City Fibre
- InTechnology WiFi
- Telematics

<u>SMART City Leaders</u>
- Bristol City Council
- Peterborough City Council
- Milton Keynes City Council

<u>Local Interest Groups</u>

Murray Foster as Chairs of the Southend Business Partnership and the Southend Digital Strategy Working group

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Scrutiny process is structured to add value and is supportive of the challenges already set to be delivered, but has limited resources, which need to be focused on providing the front line service and the priority outcomes for the Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

To make appropriate recommendations to the Council

This review links to all of the Council's Corporate Priorities