

## **SLOUGH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**REPORT TO:** Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel **DATE:** 8 January 2014

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### **PART I**

### **TO NOTE**

#### **NEIGHBOURHOODS & COMMUNITY SERVICES SCRUTINY PANEL 2013/14 WORK PROGRAMME**

#### **1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 For the Neighbourhoods and Community Services Scrutiny Panel to discuss its current work programme.

#### **2. Recommendations/Proposed Action**

2.1 That the Panel:

a) note the current work programme for the 2013/14 municipal year; and

b) consider the requests for review subjects as set out in Appendix B and, if they are to be considered, when they will be programmed into the work programme.

#### **3. Joint Slough Wellbeing Strategy Priorities**

- **Housing**
- **Regeneration and Environment**
- **Safer Communities**

3.1 The Council's decision-making and the effective scrutiny of it underpins the delivery of all the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities. The Neighbourhoods & Community Services Scrutiny Panel, along with the Overview & Scrutiny Committee and other Scrutiny Panels combine to meet the local authority's statutory requirement to provide public transparency and accountability, ensuring the best outcomes for the residents of Slough.

3.2 In particular, the NCS Panel specifically takes responsibility for ensuring transparency and accountability for Council services relating to housing, regeneration and environment, and safer communities.

#### 4. **Supporting Information**

##### Work Programme

- 4.1 The current work programme is based on the discussions of the Panel at its previous meetings, looking at requests for consideration of issues from officers and issues that have been brought to the attention of Members outside of the Panel's meetings.
- 4.2 The work programme is a flexible document which will be continually open to review throughout the municipal year.

#### 5. **Conclusion**

- 5.1 This report is intended to provide the Panel with the opportunity to review its upcoming work programme and make any amendments it feels are required.

#### 6. **Appendices Attached**

- A - Work Programme for 2013/14 Municipal Year
- B - Requests for review subjects

#### 7. **Background Papers**

None.