
Report to: Overview and Scrutiny **Date of Meeting:** 19th March 2013
Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services)

Subject: Review of the Calendar of Meetings 2013/14

Report of: Director of **Wards Affected:** All
Corporate Commissioning

Is this a Key Decision? No **Is it included in the Forward Plan?**
No

Exempt/Confidential No

Purpose/Summary

To seek Members' views on the frequency of meetings of Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Recommendation:

That the views of Members be included in the consultation responses.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

	<u>Corporate Objective</u>	<u>Positive Impact</u>	<u>Neutral Impact</u>	<u>Negative Impact</u>
1	Creating a Learning Community		x	
2	Jobs and Prosperity		x	
3	Environmental Sustainability		x	
4	Health and Well-Being		x	
5	Children and Young People		x	
6	Creating Safe Communities		x	
7	Creating Inclusive Communities		x	
8	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening Local Democracy		x	

Reasons for the Recommendation:

To consult Members on the frequency of meetings.

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are costs associated with all meetings, although this varies widely from meeting to meeting.

(B) Capital Costs

None

Implications:

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal There is no statutory guidance on the number of overview and scrutiny meetings held.
Human Resources None
Equality 1. No Equality Implication <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2. Equality Implications identified and mitigated <input type="checkbox"/>
3. Equality Implication identified and risk remains <input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery:

None as a consequence of this report.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

This report forms part of a consultation exercise.

Are there any other options available for consideration?

This report forms part of a consultation exercise.

Implementation Date for the Decision

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1.0 Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Council's Calendar of meetings is approved by the Council each year and includes the schedule for Overview and Scrutiny Committee meetings.
- 1.2 Members will be aware that one of the budget options the Cabinet has approved for consultation is around reducing the number of meetings and this report forms the basis of consultation with Overview and Scrutiny Committee members on the frequency of their Committee meetings.

2.0 Overview and Scrutiny activity 2012/13

- 2.1 In the calendar of meetings for 2012/13, each Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on 5 occasions with an additional meeting scheduled for Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) to consider the budget.
- 2.2 In addition, site visits for Committees were supported – Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Health and Social Care) has carried out 3 site visits with 2 further planned for this municipal year, Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services) has carried out 1 site visit.
- 2.3 In addition, working groups have been supported this year in 3 areas. The Port Master Plan Working Group met 8 times in this Municipal Year and reported to Cabinet in August 2012. Working Groups have also been established around young people not in education, employment or training (NEETS) and employment development and development of local town centres and economies. Both of these Working Groups have met 6 times each with a further 2 meetings planned.

3.0 Consultation on calendar of meetings for 2013/14

- 3.1 Given the level of activity around Overview and Scrutiny, Members are asked for their views on the frequency of Committee meetings in 2013/14.