

Economy and Growth Select Committee

Bite-Size Briefing

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Agenda

- The Council's Decision Making Process
- Forward Plan
- Overview & Scrutiny
- Review of Scrutiny
- Role of the Select Committee
- Developing a Work Programme
- Task & Finish Groups
- Role of Officers

The Council's Decision-making process

Council

Sets the budget and policy framework

Executive
Decision
Making

Overview &
Scrutiny

Committees

The Executive
& Individual
Executive
Decisions

Programming
Group

Devt. Control
Licensing
Standards
Audit and Reg

Select
Committees



Forward Plan

- Key Decisions due to be made by the Executive in the next three month period, updated monthly
- “Key Decision” criteria:
 - Changes or additions to the budget and policy framework
 - A report likely to result in expenditure or savings that are significant having regard to the Council's budget for the service or function to which the decision relates
 - Decision that affects communities living or working in an area comprising one or more wards

Overview & Scrutiny

- Local Government Act 2000
- Overview & Scrutiny (Select) Committees:
 - Help shape Council policy
 - Hold the Executive to account
 - Consider matters affecting the Council's area or its inhabitants
 - Scrutinise services provided by our partners - invited to give evidence at Committee
- Select Committees can make recommendations but do not have decision-making role

Review of Scrutiny

- Conducted by Centre for Governance and Scrutiny
- Concluded that scrutiny has the conditions for success and made recommendations for further improvement:
 - Creation of Select Committee Programming Group to oversee:
 - Work Programme Prioritisation
 - Member Development

Economy & Growth Select Committee

- Focuses on the development of policy and scrutiny of:
 - Growth Strategy
 - Strategic and neighbourhood planning matters
 - Housing Strategy
 - Accelerated housing and employment delivery programmes
 - Transportation matters
 - Use and management of non-operational land and the acquisition and disposal of land,
 - Economic development including car parking, tourism, town centre management.

Work Programme

- Work programme to be developed using a prioritisation tool:
 - **P**ublic Interest
 - **A**bility to change/influence
 - **P**erformance
 - **E**xtent – coverage of Borough
 - **R**eplication – avoid duplication
- Develop further with Programming Group and following priority setting workshop this summer

Task and Finish Groups

- Facility to establish “task and finish” groups
- Appointed to investigate, research and advise on a specific issue
- Report back to Committee with recommendations
- Constitution allows for maximum of two (per Committee) in any year and no more than one at a time

Role of Officers

- Executive Director allocated to each Select Committee – close working with Chairman & Vice-Chairman, agenda planning etc.
- Officers from service areas help provide research and information for topics on agendas
- Democratic Services team support each Committee



Questions

