Northampton Borough Council Overview and Scrutiny



Overview and Scrutiny Committee

25 April 2013

Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/2014

1 Background

1.1 Four annual Overview and Scrutiny work programming events have been held. This year's event was held on Wednesday, 27 March 2013.

2 Work Programme Event

- 2.1 Prior to the event a pack was issued to all Councillors containing relevant background information.
- 2.2 The Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee opened this event. Three Directors attended providing assistance to Councillors when putting forward issues for suggestion for review.
- 2.3 Cabinet Members informed the event of their priorities and objectives for the year, which helped to inform suggestions for future Scrutiny Review.
- 2.4 Anyone who has previously been involved in Overview and Scrutiny at Northampton and members of the public who had expressed a view to be part of any consultation processes undertaken were contacted and asked to suggest issues for inclusion onto the Overview and Scrutiny work programme. Copies of the suggestion form were widely circulated and the press promoted the event asking the public to complete these forms.
- 2.5 The Centre for Public Scrutiny has acknowledged the importance of this form, commenting on its content.

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- 3 Suggested Reviews for inclusion on the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2013/2014
- 3.1 Contained at Appendix A are details of the suggested issues for review for the next Municipal year.

4 Recommendation

4.1 It is recommended that that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee prioritises the suggested issues from the work-programming event, as attached at Appendix A and formally agrees the Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme for 2013/2014.

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