

Communities Committee

Item No.

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| Report title: | Update on key service issues and activities (including decisions taken under delegated authority) plus Forward Plan |
| Date of meeting: | 25 January 2017 |
| Responsible Chief Officer: | Tom McCabe – Executive Director, Community and Environmental Services |
| Strategic impact Providing regular information about key service issues and activities supports the Council's transparency agenda and enables Members to keep updated on services within their remit. It is important that there is transparency in decision making processes to enable Members and the public to hold the Council to account. | |

Executive summary

Officers provide Committee Members with fortnightly updates on key issues and activities. These updates are also be reported to this Committee to enable Members to discuss the latest position and identify any areas where the Committee would like to receive further information or update. The latest updates (dated 18 November and 9 December) are included at Appendices A and B.

This report also sets out the Forward Plan for Communities Committee. The Forward Plan is a key document for this committee to use to shape future meeting agendas and items for consideration, in relation to delivering communities issues in Norfolk. Each of the Council's committees has its own Forward Plan, and these are published monthly on the County Council's website. The Forward Plan for this Committee (as at 6 January 2017) is included at Appendix C.

This report is also used to update the Committee on relevant decisions taken under delegated powers by the Executive Director within the Terms of Reference of this Committee. There are no relevant delegated decisions to report to this meeting.

Recommendations:

- 1. To review the latest service updates at Appendices A and B and identify any areas where the Committee would like to receive further information or update.**
- 2. To review the Forward Plan at Appendix C and identify any additions, deletions or changes to reflect key issues and priorities the Committee wishes to consider.**

1. Proposal

1.1. Service updates

- 1.1.1.** Officers provide Members with a regular news update. These updates are also reported to this Committee, as a standard agenda item for each meeting, to enable Members to discuss the latest position and identify any areas where the Committee would like to receive further information or update. The latest updates are included at Appendices A and B (dated 18 November and 9 December 2016). Note that some of these updates may have included attachments with further information when they were originally shared with

Members but these have not been included with this report.

1.2. Forward Plan

- 1.2.1. The Forward Plan is a key document for this committee in terms of considering and programming its future business, in relation to communities issues in Norfolk.
- 1.2.2. The current version of the Forward Plan (as at 6 January 2017) is attached at Appendix C.
- 1.2.3. The Forward Plan is published monthly on the County Council's website to enable service users and stakeholders to understand the planning business for this Committee. As this is a key document in terms of planning for this Committee, a live working copy is also maintained to capture any changes/additions/amendments identified outside the monthly publishing schedule. Therefore, the Forward Plan attached at Appendix C may differ slightly from the version published on the website. If any further changes are made to the programme in advance of this meeting they will be reported verbally to the Committee.

1.3. Delegated decisions

- 1.3.1. The report is also used to update on any delegated decisions within the Terms of Reference of this Committee that are reported by the Executive Director as being of public interest, financially material or contentious. There are no relevant delegated decisions to report for this meeting.

2. Evidence

- 2.1. See information in appendices.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4. Issues, risks and innovation

- 4.1. There are no other relevant implications to be considered by Members.

5. Background

- 5.1. N/A

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