

Suggested Items for 2006/07 Annual Programme

ITEM	REASON	SUGGESTED BY	CMT COMMENTS
Planning	Application of the Peer review report	Cabinet	No comment
Standards procedure	Following the recent guidance, are we confident that all members are up to speed on this vital issue?	Cabinet	Standards Procedure – Suggested widening the scope to a review of the Constitution given the interest by the Leader in pursuing the modernisation of council meetings.
Housing benefits	Are we keeping up to date with applications/queries? Are all the checks and balances in place to ensure we stay on top of things?	Cabinet	Housing Benefits – Review should focus on the service provided to customers and the impact on the community, specifically: the demographics of benefit take-up; the reach of the service to those entitled to benefits; customer contact centre; accessibility of the service; home visits, suitability of forms; responses to telephone queries.
Review of Housing Benefits and Council	Requires scoping	Agreed by Scrutiny 20 March 2006	See above

Playground facilities	Requires scoping.	Liberal Democrat Group	Agreed that this would be a worthwhile review.
Licensing	Requires scoping	Carried forward from 04/05 Annual Programme	Licensing – The need for this review was questioned bearing in mind that important elements such as the impact of the Licensing Act was already being monitored on a regular basis through other agencies.
Review of the implementation of the new benefit fraud policy	Requires scoping	Carried forward from 05/06 Annual Programme (Cabinet Item)	No comment

<p>Enforcement (potentially an 18 month Review)</p>	<p>To assess the impact of enforcement in Eastbourne for both Residents and Visitors. Areas to be reviewed could include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy Environment covering Food (Inspections) Health and Safety (Inspections) and Pollution noise nuisance, air quality, dog fouling, drainage, general public health • Private Sector Housing covering improving standards in HMO's and properties in single family occupation • Planning enforcement • Community Enforcement team • Building Control 	<p>Carried forward from 05/06 Annual Programme</p>	<p>Enforcement – The Councillors appointed to the task group had suggested a number of areas for inclusion in the review of enforcement.</p> <p>With reference to air quality, it was noted that the Chief Executive had contacted Environmental Health to discuss the potential and benefits of developing Air Quality Management Areas as adopted by Hastings and Lewes.</p> <p>If carried out this review should commence in July and complete by September.</p> <p>Given the breadth of the areas proposed this would potentially be an 18 month review. It was suggested that the scope of the review should be reduced and just cover Community Enforcement and Private Sector Housing</p>
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