



WARDS AFFECTED: ALL WARDS

1. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To seek approval of the 2013-14 work programme and to prioritise the topics for review.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- (i) the work programme be agreed;
- (ii) the topics for review be prioritised.

3. **BACKGROUND TO THE REPORT**

3.1 At the workshop in June, members put together a list of items that they wished to consider over the course of the following two years. This list was then used to inform a work programme for 2013-14 (attached) and to identify some larger topics for review which require prioritisation. Those priority topics then require scoping and programming into the work of the Commission over the ensuing two years.

3.2 The topics for review which require prioritisation are:

- LTP3;
- Rural Bus Services;
- Out of hours provision – Sunnyside/A&E issues;
- Care homes – public v private;
- Skills & Employment – local initiatives;
- Older People – need for social provision / take up of Voluntary sector and service provision for older people.

3.3 Representatives of Leicestershire County Council have agreed to attend the 21 November meeting, which will therefore enable scoping and timetabling of the reviews re LTP3 and rural bus services.

3.4 Members are asked to rank the above topics 1 – 6 with the priority one being the matter which should be considered first. The matters will then be built into the work programme in the order of priority over the next two years.

4. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS []**

To follow.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS LH**

None

6. **CORPORATE PLAN IMPLICATIONS**

This report supports all corporate aims as it relates to the Scrutiny Commission which aims to ensure effective services which meet all objectives.

7. **CONSULTATION**

None in drafting this report, however individual reports listed on the work programme will involve consultation as appropriate.

8. **RISK IMPLICATIONS**

It is the Council's policy to proactively identify and manage significant risks which may prevent delivery of business objectives.

It is not possible to eliminate or manage all risks all of the time and risks will remain which have not been identified. However, it is the officer's opinion based on the information available, that the significant risks associated with this decision / project have been identified, assessed and that controls are in place to manage them effectively.

The following significant risks associated with this report / decisions were identified from this assessment:

Management of significant (Net Red) Risks		
Risk Description	Mitigating actions	Owner
Items not on work programme resulting in reports not being available for consideration	Continuous consultation with officers	R Owen
Failure to agree work programme resulting in lack of business for the Scrutiny Commission	Ensure work programme is agreed, implemented, and continuously updated	Chairman of Scrutiny Commission

9. **KNOWING YOUR COMMUNITY – EQUALITY AND RURAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is intended that the Scrutiny Commission undertakes a wide range of work which covers many groups within the community, particularly concentrating on engendering equality amongst communities, minority groups, parishes and individuals. Work is often undertaken in consultation with the voluntary sector, rural communities and partners who work with community groups.

10. **CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS**

By submitting this report, the report author has taken the following into account:

- Community Safety implications
- Environmental implications
- ICT implications
- Asset Management implications
- Human Resources implications
- Planning Implications
- Voluntary Sector

Background papers: None

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