

PART A

Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 5 March 2015

Report of: Committee and Scrutiny Officer

Title: Scrutiny Proposal – Voluntary Sector Commissioning Framework (Community Centres)

1.0 **SUMMARY**

1.1 This report provides the Scrutiny Committee with details of a suggestion for a Scrutiny Task Group.

2.0 **RECOMMENDATION**

2.1 That Overview and Scrutiny Committee considers the scrutiny proposal, submitted by the Corporate, Leisure and Community Section Head, attached at Appendix 1 and establishes a Task Group.

2.2 That, if the scrutiny suggestion is agreed, Overview and Scrutiny Committee appoints Councillors to the Task Group.

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3.0 **DETAILED PROPOSAL**

3.1 In January 2015, the Committee and Scrutiny Officer met the Corporate, Leisure and Community Section Head to discuss a potential scrutiny subject for a Task Group.

3.2 The Corporate, Leisure and Community Section Head was forwarded the scrutiny proposal form and asked to return it enabling Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider it at its meeting on 5 March 2015. The completed scrutiny proposal form is attached at Appendix 1. The suggestion is to review community centres, which will be fed into the overall review of the Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework.

3.3 At its meeting on 7 March 2012 Overview and Scrutiny Committee agreed to establish a Task Group to review the draft Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework prior to the consultation stage in June 2012. The Task Group's final report is available on the [Council's website](#).

- 3.4 The new Task Group is being asked to focus on one specific area of the Framework, namely community centres. Its work will be carried out after the elections on 7 May 2015. It is anticipated that two meetings will be required; one will probably take place in May and the second in June.
- 3.5 The Corporate, Leisure and Community Section Head has advised that officers intend to present the draft Framework to Cabinet in June 2015. If approved the consultation will take place during July and August 2015 with the final report being presented to Cabinet in October 2015. The Task Group's work must therefore be completed prior to the Cabinet meeting on 22 June 2015.
- 3.6 The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the attached proposal.
- 3.7 If the Scrutiny Committee agrees to establish a Task Group, Members are asked to agree the membership. The Task Group should comprise a minimum of three Councillors and preferably no more than five; officers have found that five is the optimum number.
- 3.8 The Committee and Scrutiny Officer has emailed all non-Executive Councillors advising them of the proposed Task Group and asking them to inform her if they are interested in taking part. The Committee and Scrutiny Officer will update the Scrutiny Committee of the names of those Councillors who have contacted her expressing an interest in participating in the Task Group.
- 4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**
- 4.1 **Financial**
- 4.1.1 The Shared Director of Finance states that there are no financial implications contained in the attached proposals at this stage.
- 4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)
- 4.2.1 The Head of Democracy and Governance comments that there are no legal implications in this report.

Appendix

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Proposal from the Corporate, Leisure and Community Section Head – Review of community centres as part of the overall review of the Voluntary Sector Commissioning Framework (Sections 1 and 2)

Background Papers

Voluntary and Community Sector Commissioning Framework Task Group

File Reference

None