



AGENDA ITEM: 12

**CORPORATE AND
ENVIRONMENTAL OVERVIEW &
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:
25 October 2012**

Report of: Borough Solicitor

Relevant Managing Director: Managing Director (People and Places)

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SUBJECT: ITEMS AT THE REQUEST OF A MEMBER

Borough wide interest

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To advise the Corporate and Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee of the three items, submitted by Members, attached as Appendices 1 -3 and two ideas received for in-depth review.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 That the Members' items detailed in paragraph 4.1 and attached as appendices 1 – 3, be noted.

2.2 That the Work Programme attached at Appendix 4 be noted.

2.3 That the Committee determine if it wishes to consider the items submitted at Appendix 1-3 a future meeting and the Work Programme be amended accordingly.

2.4 That ideas received for in-depth review, detailed in paragraph 4.3 of the report, be noted and be retained for future consideration as part of the Topic Selection Exercise if the Committee chooses to undertake a review at a later date.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The Corporate and Environmental Overview & Scrutiny Committee establishes its own Work Programme annually. In relation to the Work Programme for the Committee for 2012/13 it was agreed, at its meeting on 5 July 2012, that it would

re-consider its option to undertake one in-depth study at a later stage and instead undertake one-off topics at each of its meetings using the established 'Member Item / CCfA ' procedure to put forward topics for discussion / presentations.

- 3.2 The Committee agreed, at its meeting on 5 July 2012, that the first topic to be considered would be 'Grass Cutting in the Borough' and arrangements were duly put in place for a presentation to be made at this meeting of the Committee.
- 3.3 Ideas for in-depth study may be submitted at any time. These topics, along with those submitted when the Topic Selection Exercise is undertaken are considered as part the established scrutiny topic assessment process.

4.0 DETAILS RELATING TO SUBMITTED ITEMS

- 4.1 The Appendices 1 – 3, attached to this report, give details of the Members' items submitted for consideration by the Committee. These are:

106 Monies
Housing Allocations
CCTV

- 4.2 The following are potential reasons why a Member Item may not be considered further:

- The issue is an individual case
- The Member has not explored the issue fully and exhausted all avenues as set down on the Members items/CCfA submission form
- A review into the general issue is included in an O & S work programme
- A petition is being submitted to the Council
- A complaint is being or has been submitted and the outcome is awaited
- A FOI request is being or has been made and the outcome is awaited
- Scrutiny of the issues is unlikely to result in improvements for local people
- The issue has been the subject of Executive Call In
- The issue has been the subject of a Council Motion / Question
- The issue is urgent and could be more speedily resolved by other means
- The issue is an 'excluded matter' (Constitution 18.3)

- 4.3 Additionally the following ideas have been submitted for topic selection for in-depth study:

Council Staffing Structures – submitted by Cllr Dereli
Disabled Residents Services Commission – submitted by Mr A Lenton

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

1. Members Item – Housing Allocations – submitted by Councillor Coyle
2. Member Item – 106 Monies – submitted by Councillor Nolan
3. Members Item – CCTV System – submitted by Councillor Oliver
4. Work Programme 2012/14