

**TONBRIDGE & MALLING BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**24 January 2017**

**Report of the Chief Executive**

**Part 1- Public**

**Matters for Information**

**1 SCRUTINY REVIEW PROGRAMME – UPDATE**

**To set out proposals for further reviews.**

**1.1 The Review Programme**

1.1.1 A report to the previous meeting of the Committee in September 2016 indicated that two reviews should be undertaken by separate panels:

(a) A review of Hanging Baskets and Christmas Lights provision;

(b) A review of the future of the Gibson Building.

1.1.2 The review of hanging baskets and Christmas lighting has now been completed and the conclusions and recommendations of the Panel are reported elsewhere on this agenda.

1.1.3 The review of the Gibson Building has, however, unfortunately been delayed. The original consultants selected to provide property advice to support the review were unable to proceed due to work pressures. Another consultant, Hartnell Taylor Cook, has now been appointed and a draft report from them should be available in the next few months. As soon as officers have completed an initial review of its findings, a meeting of the Scrutiny Panel, as originally formed to deal with this issue, will be called to take that review forward.

1.1.4 It is now suggested that the same Panel that has reviewed hanging baskets and Christmas lighting should take forward a new review. This will focus on a much needed update of the Council's constitution. The purpose of the review will be to identify key parts of the constitution that need to be revised and updated and to identify opportunities where the Council could adopt more efficient procedures and more streamlined ways of working. It will not need to deal with any minor or purely technical updates.

1.1.5 For information, membership of the Panels are as follows:

Review of the Gibson Building

Cllr Mrs A Oakley (Chairman)  
Cllr T I B Cannon  
Cllr Mrs S M Hall  
Cllr S R J Jessel  
Cllr Mrs F A Kemp  
Cllr Mrs S L Luck  
Cllr P J Montague  
Cllr P F Bolt

Review of the Constitution

Cllr Mrs S Spence (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs J A Anderson  
Cllr M C Base  
Cllr T Walker  
Cllr J L Botten  
Cllr R W Dalton  
Cllr M Taylor  
Cllr F G Tombolis

1.1.6 For the future, it has been suggested by the Management Team that a review of our current role in supporting and engaging with youth be undertaken. A scoping report for this review will be prepared and reported to the next meeting of the Committee in June.

Background papers:

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Nil

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