

**BABERGH DISTRICT COUNCIL and MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCIL**

<b>From: Head of Corporate Organisation</b>	<b>Report Number: JSC/09/15</b>
<b>To: Joint Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Date of meeting: 17 June 2015</b>

**FOLLOW UP OF JOINT SCRUTINY ITEMS**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of action or progress made on previous recommendations and resolutions.

**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 That the Committee note the progress made and identify those areas where further monitoring is required.

**3. Financial Implications**

- 3.1 There are no specific financial implications identified from this report.

**4. Risk Management**

- 4.1 The report is not linked to any risks identified on the integrated significant business risk register.

**5. Consultations**

- 5.1 Relevant officers were consulted to provide updates for this report.

**6. Equality Analysis**

- 6.1 This report has no inherent equality and diversity impact.

**7. Shared Service / Partnership Implications**

- 7.1 None.

**8. Key Information**

- 8.1 This report looks at the outcomes from the resolutions and recommendations made by the Joint Scrutiny Committee in the period October 2014 to March 2015 plus those outstanding from earlier. Full details are included in the attached Appendix A.
- 8.2 The Committee is asked to consider the outcomes and identify those areas where further monitoring of progress is still required.

## 9. Appendices

Title	Location
A. Joint Scrutiny Committee 17 June 2015 – Outcomes from Resolutions and Recommendations	Attached

## 10. Background Documents

None.

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## Joint Scrutiny Committee 17 June 2015 – Outcomes from Resolutions and Recommendations

Date of Meeting	Agenda Item	Resolutions and Recommendations	Progress and Outcomes
2 October 2013	Review of Partnership Accountability	<p><b>RECOMMENDED TO EXECUTIVE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>(1) That further work be carried out on the definition of partnerships.</p> <p>(2) That a review is needed so that there is a clear understanding of who we should be working with to deliver the Council's strategic priorities and the benefits and savings therein.</p> <p>(3) That the review should encompass both Councils' arrangements for Councillor representation on outside bodies. Further, it is suggested that a joint review is concluded by April 2014. In addition, a comprehensive list of all the Council's partnerships should be maintained with a clear understanding of the relationships. A policy with supporting procedures should be developed to cover all partnerships to determine the governance arrangements</p> <p><b>Executive 14 October 2013 and Strategy 17 October 2013</b> agreed 2 and 3. (It was felt that 1 would have to be considered in the context of the other recommendations)</p>	<p><b>June 2015 position</b></p> <p>The review of existing representation on outside bodies is nearing completion. An exercise mapping to Strategic Priorities is in progress. A paper recommending Councillor representation will be reported to Council in July.</p> <p>The collection of partnership information is not yet complete.</p> <p><b>Ongoing</b></p>

<p><b>4 Dec 2013</b></p>	<p>Planning Policy Update</p>	<p><b>RECOMMENDATION TO EXECUTIVE AND STRATEGY COMMITTEES</b></p> <p><b>That a planning policy group be set up to work in conjunction with the Transformation Enquiry Groups to deal specifically with planning policy matters and support the development of the planning policy framework for the two Councils.</b></p>	<p><b>Executive 13 January 2014 and Strategy 16 January 2014</b>  Agreed to set up a working group.</p> <p><b>Executive 10 February 2014 and Strategy 13 February 2014</b>  Members agreed that a planned, short-term, working group be established on a task and finish basis, including both senior officer and nominated Member representation. This would have the following 2 key roles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To oversee an agreed overall programme of future planning policy work, including the main outputs / deliverables to be achieved</li> <li>• To agree an appropriate approach for officer / joint working in future in this regard operating on a collaborative basis that meets both service delivery needs and Member wishes to allow for their involvement in policy planning and its preparation</li> </ul> <p>The group held a series of 4 meetings and reported back to <b>Executive 7 April 2014 and Strategy 10 April 2014</b></p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
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<p><b>23 July 2014</b></p>	<p>Planning Enforcement</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>(1) That the Conclusions in paragraph 21 of the report be taken forward for consideration as part of the impending Planning Services Transformation Project (See minutes of 23 July 2014 for full details – item earlier on agenda)</p> <p>(2) That a further report be made to the meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Committee scheduled for 25 March 2015.</p>	<p>Satisfactory progress reported back to March 2015 meeting.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
	<p>Fuel Poverty</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>(1) That a Lead Officer be identified to co-ordinate a multi-disciplinary approach to measures to alleviate fuel poverty.</p> <p>(2) That a Working Group be set up on a task and finish basis to work with the designated Lead Officer on a range of recommendations based around the matters highlighted by the Committee, with a view to reporting to the meeting scheduled for 1 October.</p>	<p><b>June 2015 position</b></p> <p>Martin King, Head of Service Housing, has been identified as lead officer.</p> <p>Seven Recommendations from the task and finish group were presented to the 11 February 2015 Joint Scrutiny meeting where they were approved and the recommendations passed onto Executive (09/03/15) and Strategy (12/03/15) Committees where the recommendations were delegated to the relevant Programme Steering Boards to be adopted as part of the work programme with reports to be made back to Strategy and Executive.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
<p><b>1 October 2014</b></p>	<p>Impact of the Health and Social Care Act 2012 on the Districts</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p>That at the next Joint Scrutiny Committee Chairmen’s meeting consideration be given to the issues raised and options for a specific area(s) for a scrutiny review be brought to the Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting on 26 November for approval.</p>	<p>Healthwatch cards and information circulated to all councillors to enable them to provide signposting information regarding health issues</p> <p>A further Scrutiny review was scoped at the 26 November meeting with the review undertaken at the 25 March meeting (see below).</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>

<p><b>11 February 2015</b></p>	<p>Impact of Welfare Reform on Rent Collection and Voids</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That the issues raised be investigated further at the 25 March Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting, together with the potential of setting up a Task and Finish Group</b></p>	<p>At the 25 March 2015 meeting it was agreed that it would be beneficial to look at whether the rent collection position had improved in approximately 6 months. This and whether any further aspects of the impact of welfare reform should be reviewed should be considered as part of the future work plan to be derived at the 17 June 2015 Joint Scrutiny Committee meeting.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>
<p><b>25 March 2015</b></p>	<p>Review of Districts' Contribution to Health and Wellbeing</p>	<p><b>RESOLVED</b></p> <p><b>That Members commit to supporting community health and wellbeing through their community leadership role and local casework by providing appropriate information, signposting and support to constituents and their families</b></p> <p><b>Further, that the need for the commitment be organisation-wide be endorsed and promoted through on-going awareness training and Member Inductions / Seminars / Briefings.</b></p>	<p><b>June 2015 position</b></p> <p>Building a greater awareness of health and wellbeing and the Councillor's community leadership role in this respect are being considered as part of the ongoing Councillor support programme.</p> <p><b>Completed</b></p>