

BABERGH AND MID SUFFOLK DISTRICT COUNCILS

From: Head of Corporate Organisation	Report Number: JSC/19/15
To: Joint Scrutiny Committee	Date of meeting: 16 December 2015

FORWARD PLAN FOR 2015/16

Date of Committee – 17 February 2016

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer
Scoping of the Review of Waste Services	<p>To derive the approach and scope of a review of the waste services including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress towards strategic priorities (including Strategic waste partnership) • Waste collection contract with Serco • Financial implications with reference to kerbside / Household Waste Recycling centres / trade waste / garden waste / clean up of flytipping • Understanding the Suffolk County Council contractual basis for – Energy from Waste (EfW) function and District Council relationship with Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) 	Head of Service Environment
Review of Council Housing Voids	The time taken to re-let council house properties is showing poor performance against the target levels and Portfolio Holders have requested that Scrutiny undertake a review to identify where improvements could be made.	Head of Housing
Follow up of previous Joint Scrutiny Recommendations	To ensure satisfactory progress on implementation	Head of Service Corporate Organisation

Date of Committee – 13 April 2016

Topic	Purpose	Lead Officer
Affordable Housing Delivery Capabilities	To investigate whether the councils are delivering against their strategic priorities with regard to affordable housing delivery and to ensure that there are the capabilities and organisational capacity to carry out a sustainable medium to long term housing delivery plan.	Head of Economy (Investment & Development)

Please Note:

The Councils' Business and Finance model will be scrutinised alongside the Budget for 2016/17 at the individual Council Scrutiny Meetings on the following dates:

BDC: 25 January 2016
MSDC: 28 January 2016

Potential areas for future review:

S106 and CIL– legal and financial framework (2106/17)
Devolution
Work with Executive and Strategy Committees
Other major contracts
Delivery plan management – utilising funding
Welfare reform – follow up to under occupancy issues (from Feb 2015)
Organisations that deliver services to our residents
The Gateway to Homechoice system
Business Rates Pooling
Planning Appeals
Impact of small businesses and business rates (including broadband)

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