

## **HAMBLETON DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**Report To:** Scrutiny Committee  
10 July 2014

**From:** Chairman of Scrutiny Committee

**Subject:** **POLICY REVIEW WORK PROGRAMME 2014/15**

All Wards

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### **1.0 SUMMARY:**

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide further information in relation to the Committee's ideals for the policy review work for 2014/15.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND:**

2.1 It is in the Council's Constitution that as a guideline the Council's Scrutiny Committee should undertake two policy reviews each year. However as in recent years it is suggested that only one topic for review be identified initially and that the position with regard to further reviews be considered mid year.

2.2 It is now necessary for review topics for 2014/15 to be determined. In considering topics for review the Committee is asked to consider the Council's Business Plan Priority Themes which are as follows:

#### Customer Services and Asset Management

- To put our customers first and provide high quality, value for money services that meet the needs of our communities.
- Encouraging our residents to become more involved in making decisions and delivering services which impact on their local communities.
- Improving the performance and productivity of our services.

#### Housing, Planning and Waste Management

- To minimise the impact of waste on the environment by increasing the amount of household waste that is recycled.
- To meet the housing needs of all sections of the local community by providing an adequate amount and range of housing, including affordable housing.
- To ensure that the Planning Service supports the sustainable economic growth and development of the District.
- To prevent homelessness by providing direct support to District residents in need.

#### Leisure and Health

- Promote healthy lifestyles by promoting Council leisure facilities so that more people are participating in physical activity and who feel they are in good health.
- Supporting the community to participate in sport and active recreation.

## Support Services and Economic Development

- Provide financial sustainability.
- Minimise the impact to the Council and community of the changes to Welfare Reform.
- To implement the Local tax scheme and ensuring all properties are taxed to minimise impact to the community and Council.
- To support local economic growth.

### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION:**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Committee identifies and agrees a suitable topic for a policy review for 2014/15.

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**Background papers:** None

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