

OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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UPDATE ON CORPORATE PLAN & PUBLIC CONSULTATION

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Background

Following Cabinet's approval of **Focus 2013-15**, the Council's updated Corporate Plan, in October 2013, the Overview & Scrutiny Committee decided (in November 2013) to programme an update on the Corporate Plan one year later.

Originally added to the O&S Tracker for October 2014, it was suggested (and agreed with the O&S Chair) that O&S might also like to receive information on the Public Consultation that had taken place in July/August this year, as the consultation exercise was intended to be a mechanism to measure how well the Council was achieving its priorities and to ascertain if those priorities remained the same as those highlighted by Ashford residents in the Simalto/business planning exercise undertaken in 2010/11.

Update

Focus 2013-15 highlighted three overall priorities for ABC:

- Jobs & Economic Growth
- Quality Homes & Places to Live
- Great Value Services

The purpose of the Public Consultation was also three-fold:

- To gain a broad understanding of residents' perceptions on ABC services
- To understand the priorities residents would like to see ABC focus on in the future
- To measure perceptions within the borough

At the O&S meeting on 16th December, officers will give feedback on the public consultation against the above aims and an update on progress against the existing Corporate Plan priorities, as well as a broad timetable for development of a new Corporate Plan.