

Report to Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Date of meeting: 24 July 2018



Subject: Citizen's Advice Epping Forest District - Scrutiny of External Organisation

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Recommendations/Decisions Required:

That the Committee undertake appropriate external scrutiny of Citizen's Advice Epping Forest District, with regard to the provision of independent advice services for residents of the Epping Forest District.

1. As the Committee will recall, Members have expressed a desire to undertake external scrutiny of Citizen's Advice Epping Forest District, with regard to its provision of independent advice services for residents of the Epping Forest District and in terms of the support that the Council currently provides to the organisation.
2. This external scrutiny activity is included in the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018/19.
3. The Chief Executive of Citizens Advice Epping Forest District, Nnenna Anyanwu, will be attending the meeting of the Committee in this regard.
4. The identification of relevant lines of questioning to be raised with Citizens Advice Epping Forest District has been sought from members through the Council Bulletin.

Resource Implications:

The recommendations of this report seek to enable scrutiny activity to more effectively meet work programme requirements.

Legal and Governance Implications:

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities. Although external organisations are not generally required by legislation to attend before the Overview and Scrutiny Committee, it is hoped that most would be willing to engage constructively with the Council's scrutiny activity when invited to do so.

Safer, Cleaner, Greener Implications:

There are no implications arising from the recommendations of this report in respect of the Council's commitment to the Climate Local Agreement, the corporate Safer, Cleaner, Greener initiative, or any crime and disorder issues within the district.

Consultation Undertaken:

External scrutiny of Citizen's Advice Epping Forest District is included in the work programme for the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2018/19.

Background Papers:

None.

Impact Assessments:***Risk Management***

The Council's constitution sets out rules for the management of its overview and scrutiny responsibilities.

Equality:

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations of this report.