

SUBJECT:	WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To put forward the current Ethics and Engagement Committee work programme for consideration by members.

2. Work Programme Summary

- 2.1 The work programme is attached as **Appendix A**, and was agreed at the meeting of 29 May 2013
- 2.2 Also attached as **Appendix B** is an initial scope for the three primary strands being focused upon by the Committee during 2013/14. This scoping is a broad exercise and subject to ongoing revision pending members' comments and any other developments. Given the wide nature of the challenges being addressed it is necessary to ensure that the Committee focuses its attention in areas which can deliver clear benefits to Lincoln's communities.
- 2.3 Members are encouraged to put forward any proposals for relevant matters of concern or interest to them or the residents of their ward which the Ethics and Engagement Committee may be able to consider.

3. Changes Made to the Work Programme

- 3.1 At the meeting of 29 May 2013, the work programme for 2013/14 was agreed. Work on the three primary strands of the Committee's work has been staggered throughout the year. There is currently flexibility within the work programme to react to changing priorities as necessary.
- 3.2 In addition to the work programme proposed at the last meeting, a report offering guidance on the conduct of the civic party has been scheduled for the meeting of 1 October 2013. This is in response to the Committee's consideration of a code of conduct item which arose in another local authority. The guidance relating to the civic party was the subject of continuing work and has therefore been scheduled for the soonest available meeting. In order to accommodate this change and spread the Committee's work evenly throughout the year, a report regarding dual-membership has been postponed to 9 December 2013.

4. Organisational Impacts

4.1 Finance

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

4.2 Legal Implications

Any additions to the work programme should be made in accordance with the scope of the Committee as established within its terms of reference.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That the Committee consider the work programme and propose any suitable changes if necessary.

5.2 That the Committee consider items scheduled for the next meeting and any necessary arrangements relating to them.