

**Cheltenham Borough Council**  
**Overview & Scrutiny Committee**  
**3 April 2014**

**Scrutiny Task Group Review – Hidden Deprivation in our Town  
Centre**  
**Covering Report**

<b>Accountable member</b>	Councillor Chris Coleman, Chair of the Scrutiny Task Group
<b>Accountable officer</b>	Richard Gibson, Strategy and Engagement Manager
<b>Executive summary</b>	<p>At its meeting on 18 February November 2013 Overview &amp; Scrutiny Committee commenced a review of Hidden Deprivation in our Town Centre. A Scrutiny Task Group (STG) was set up and the findings and recommendations of that Group are set out in detail in the attached Scrutiny Task Group Report.</p> <p>The committee is asked to agree the recommendations ahead of them going to Cabinet for approval. As this will not be until June or July, officers will have chance to explore the recommendations in more detail and to provide advice to Cabinet Members in how best to implement the recommendations.</p> <p>In addition, as the STG acknowledges has not yet had chance to consider education and health impacts on town centre residents, the group is seeking advice from O+S about whether the group should continue to meet to look into these issues or whether a revised STG terms of reference should be brought forward.</p>
<b>Recommendations</b>	<p><b>That Committee agrees the recommendations set out in the Scrutiny Task Group Report and recommends to Cabinet that:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>1. The recommendations relating to the work of the Town Centre Neighbourhood Coordination Group (NCG) (1 and 12) are passed to the Group coordinator to action;</b></li><li><b>2. The recommendations relating to the reducing alcohol related violence (2) and the late night levy (3) are passed to the relevant cabinet member to action;</b></li><li><b>3. It be noted that the action relating to developing a collaborative approach to drug dealing (4) is already a commitment within the 2014-15 corporate strategy with the Deputy Chief Executive being the lead officer;</b></li><li><b>4. The recommendation to licence all private rented sector accommodation in the borough (5) and introduce a more pro-active enforcement regime (7) is passed to the relevant cabinet member to action within the scope of the commissioning review</b></li></ol>

looking at public protection and private rented sector housing;

5. The recommendation in respect of the housing advice service (6) is passed onto the relevant service manager to action in conjunction with County Community Projects;
6. The recommendations in respect of waste and recycling services (8, 9 and 10) are passed onto the relevant director to action;
7. The recommendation in respect of supporting community environmental action (11) is taken forward by the relevant director to administer.

<b>Financial implications</b>	Officers will be requested to assess the financial implications before the report goes to Cabinet. <b>Contact officer:</b> , @cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242
<b>Legal implications</b>	Legal advice will be provided in due course and as appropriate on those actions set out in the recommendations which are agreed by Cabinet and taken forward.  <b>Contact officer:</b> peter.lewis@tewkesbury.gov.uk, 01684 272012
<b>HR implications (including learning and organisational development)</b>	Officers will be requested to assess the HR implications of the recommendations regarding staff management before the report goes to Cabinet. <b>Contact officer:</b> , @cheltenham.gov.uk, 01242
<b>Key risks</b>	The key risks associated with the 12 recommendations will be set out on the Cabinet report.
<b>Corporate and Community Plan implications</b>	The recommendations from the STG could help the council deliver six of its corporate strategy outcomes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheltenham has a clean and well-maintained environment.</li> <li>• Cheltenham’s natural and built environment is enhanced and protected.</li> <li>• Communities feel safe and are safe.</li> <li>• People have access to decent and affordable housing.</li> <li>• People are able to lead healthy lifestyles.</li> <li>• Our residents enjoy a strong sense of community and involved in resolving local issues.</li> </ul>
<b>Environmental and climate change implications</b>	None identified at this stage
<b>Property/Asset Implications</b>	None identified

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<b>Appendices</b>	1. Task Group report (including its appendices)