



Overview Scrutiny Committee – Topic Review Terms of Reference

– Review of Gravesham Borough Council’s Maritime Strategy

– September 2019

1. Membership of the review sub-group

1.1 The political representation on the sub-group will be as follows:

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| 1.1.1 | Councillor Jordan Meade, Chair of the sub-group | (C) |
| 1.1.2 | TBC | () |
| 1.1.3 | TBC | () |
| 1.1.4 | TBC | () |
| 1.1.5 | TBC | () |

1.2 Co-opted Representatives (at the discretion of the Chair).

1.3 Whilst the Portfolio Holders and any other Member of the Executive cannot legally be a member of the sub-committee, they may be invited to the meetings when appropriate by the Chair.

1.4 The Chair may, from time to time, invite individuals, companies and organisations to contribute towards the work of the Committee.

1.5 The sub-group will be supported in their activities by the Committee Services Team.

1.6 Additional support will be provided, specific to the review, as required from officers across the council.

2 Work plan of the sub-group

2.1 The sub-group will look at the following areas

- 2.1.1 To undertake a review of how the Council promotes Gravesham as a riparian borough.
- 2.1.2 To further explore how the borough can capitalise on the River Thames as a driver for economic development.
- 2.1.3 To evaluate the effectiveness and review the delivery of the Council’s existing Thames-based partnerships and scope out the potential for the creation of additional partnerships.
- 2.1.4 In the context of planning, explore how access to the River Thames can be improved for both recreational and commercial purposes.



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- 2.1.5** To appraise existing infrastructure and how new developments can support riverside regeneration.
- 2.1.6** To find greater opportunities for young people and the wider community to utilise Gravesham's river assets.
- 2.1.7** To enable the Portfolio Holder and Senior Officers to brief and consult on any proposed policy and procedural changes that might affect the Council's Tourism and Planning Strategies in relation to The River Thames.

2.2 As per the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (Annex 2.5 of the Constitution), the Committee will be informed of the response to any recommendations to cabinet, at the next available meeting following the Cabinet discussion.

3 Timeframe for activities

- 3.1** An initial timeframe for completion of the topic review of six months has been agreed (March 2020) although Members have agreed that ensuring the review is thorough and robust is critical and therefore, should the review need to go past this deadline, this will be acceptable.
- 3.2** Six months after the topic review is considered, an agenda item will be listed for the next available Overview Scrutiny Committee to receive a report on actions completed, their outcomes and the status of actions in progress.