

BRIEFING

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Community Services Briefing to

SPC on Community and Protective Services
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2021 SPC on CPS Workplan – Q3 Update

PURPOSE OF BRIEFING

This briefing provides an overview of the reports the Standing Policy Committee on Community and Protective Services is set to receive in 2021 and beyond where known, including detail that enables members to anticipate areas of strategic focus and alignment with related initiatives, and to identify where items will be either briefings provided for information or reports presented for decision. Benefits of this approach include improved scheduling and agenda time management, and a more detailed awareness of alignment with related work and Administration's capacity. Attachments include a one-page at-a-glance calendar (Attachment 1) and the more detailed list of all outstanding motions and directions (Attachment 2).

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

Background

In early 2020, at the request of the committee chair, Administration and committee members met to plan for the coming year. Committee members expressed a desire to focus on strategic priorities and understand where related initiatives are coming to Council, to be provided with specific scheduling details, and to receive more reports as briefings where appropriate in order to dedicate sufficient time and focus to reports requiring discussion, public input, and committee decisions. Administration was encouraged to schedule reports to align strategically and enable optimal scheduling, including through seeking deferrals if necessary. This focused approach continues in 2021.

In addition to the briefings and reports set to be received through the committee as directed by Council, and those Administration presents proactively, last year the committee wished to allocate meeting time to focus on strategic priorities that are aligned with its mandate. The April 2020 meeting had been dedicated to a strategic session, but was cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic response. Administration will reassess options for future sessions to be held covering strategic topics proposed by the committee (which included public safety, culture, affordable housing, recreation and social supports), based on value to members and as scheduling and Administration's capacity allows.

Previous Council Direction

On 2007 February 06, the Personnel and Accountability Committee approved PAC2007-05 Status of Outstanding Motions and Directions, directing Administration to bring forward as an item of business to each Standing Policy Committee (SPC) a list of tabled and referred motions and reports; such lists were to be reviewed by each SPC on a quarterly basis.

On 2021 June 9, the SPC on Community and Protective Services received for information CPS2021-0915 2021 SPC on CPS Workplan – Q2 Update, which provided the most recent previous update. New updates continue to be provided quarterly.

ATTACHMENTS

1. 2021 SPC on CPS Calendar
2. 2021 Q3 Status of Outstanding Motions and Directions