

UPDATE ON WORK PROGRAMME : ECONOMY & REGENERATION
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - 05/09/11

Reports to assist in monitoring the Committee's work programme

It was agreed by the Scrutiny Chairs Group in September 2008 to use the following reports to monitor the work programme for each Scrutiny Committee. The last item on each Scrutiny Committee agenda should be 'Review of the Committee Work Programme'.

Report 1 - Monitoring Report for Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

This report will list all items that have been selected by the Committee for inclusion on the work programme for the current year.

It will also include items, such as previous Panel Reviews, where recommendations have been made to Cabinet. It is important that the implementation of these recommendations is monitored. Otherwise there is no measure of the success of scrutiny.

For each item on the work programme, the report will give a description, an indication of how the item will be dealt with, a relative timescale for the work and brief comments on progress.

Report 2 - Suggestions for Additions to Work Programme

The Work Programme for the Committee should be reviewed at each meeting. This will enable members to ask for new Items to be added to the programme. This report will list any newly suggested items. Committee will then have the opportunity to agree (or not) for them to be added to the programme.

Report 3 - Proposed Outline Meeting Schedule for the Municipal Year

The report will, for each scheduled Committee meeting, list those items which are likely to be on the meeting agenda. This will give the opportunity for Committee members to take a greater lead in organising their work programme.

Report 4 - Progress Report on In-Depth Panel Reviews

This report will give a very brief update on progress / timescales for in-depth panel reviews which are in the 'ownership' of the Committee.

REPORT 1
MONITORING REPORT FOR SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 2010 / 2011

Date of New item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Complete Date	Comments on Progress	Complete?
06/06/11	The implementation of affordable housing policies	Report to Committee on 05/09/11		During the discussion on the 'End of Year Performance Report' on 06/06/11, members requested a report to the next meeting on this item.	
06/06/11	Wirral Apprenticeship scheme	Report to Committee		During the discussion on the 'Apprenticeship Programme' item at the meeting on 06/06/11, members requested a further update specifically on level 3 up-take and on the preparedness of the education sector for the challenge of the new requirement for functional skills.	
06/06/11	Green Growth – Motion agreed at Council in April requesting this Scrutiny Committee to “investigate and draw up a report for Cabinet on the best ways to create and support a ‘cluster’ of companies to lead the way in driving a Green economy on Wirral and across the country”.	In-depth Scrutiny Review by Working Group of Members	December 2011	This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.	

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06/06/11	Business Start Programme The Programme has performed well but: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we supporting businesses for the future? • What size of business is supported? • How long have supported businesses remained in business? • Were businesses satisfied with the support? 	Report to Committee		This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.	
06/06/11	European Social Fund and the Work Programme to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress report on the contract with the Reach-Out consortia • What are the comparisons with arrangements / results at other Local Authorities? 	Report to Committee in November		This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.	
06/06/11	Inward Investment	Report to Committee		This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.	
06/06/11	Housing Market Renewal Initiative (HMRI) What are the options now that HMRI has ended?	Report to Committee		This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.	
06/06/11	Visit to regeneration and housing sites, for example, housing schemes, Wirral International Business Park, Wirral Waters	Members visit to be arranged by Kevin Adderley		This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.	

REPORT 2
SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO WORK PROGRAMME
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 05/09/11

Topic Description	Topic suggested by	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Completion Date
Shale Gas Fracking – Referral from Council meeting held on 18 th July 2011	Referral from Council meeting held on 18 th July 2011	Officer Report	
Fair Trade	Cllr Mark Johnston		

REPORT 3
PROPOSED OUTLINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 2010 / 2011

Meeting Date	Topic Description
06/05/11	Terms of Reference for the Committee End of Year Performance report 2010-11 Apprenticeship Programme Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update
05/09/11	Invest Wirral – Presentation (Paula Basnett) Future plans for the Business Start Programme (Kevin Adderley) Implementation of affordable housing policies (to include options for localised definition of affordable housing) (Ian Platt) Inward Investment (Kevin Adderley) Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 (Kevin Adderley) Green Growth Scrutiny review: Update (Report of Working Group – Cllr Mark Johnston, Chair) Referral from Council meeting on 18 th July 2011 – Motion regarding Shale Gas Fracking Fair Trade – Progress report (Cllr Mark Johnston) Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update
07/11/11	European Social Fund and the Work Programme (Kevin Adderley) Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 2 (Kevin Adderley) Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update Plus other items.....

REPORT 4
PROGRESS REPORT ON IN-DEPTH PANEL REVIEWS
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 05/09/11

Title of Review	Members of Panel	Progress to Date	Date Due to report to Committee
Green Growth Scrutiny Review	Cllr Mark Johnston (Chair) Cllr Peter Kearney Cllr Steve Niblock Cllr Stuart Whittingham	As at 28/07/11: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two meetings of the working group have been held to discuss the general approach to the review • A draft Scope for the review has been agreed • Further meetings will be held in September with Council officers and members of the business community to commence evidence-gathering for the review 	End of December 2011