

Scrutiny Programme Board

Date: Wednesday, 27 May 2009

Time: 6.15 pm

Venue: Committee Room 3 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST/PARTY WHIP

Members are asked to consider whether they have personal or prejudicial interests in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state what they are.

Members are reminded that they should also declare, pursuant to paragraph 18 of the Overview and Scrutiny Procedure Rules, whether they are subject to a party whip in connection with any item(s) to be considered and, if so, to declare it and state the nature of the whipping arrangement.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR

The Committee is requested to appoint a vice-chair.

3. TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 1 - 16)

These are attached for information and guidance.

4. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 17 - 70)

Information on the work programmes of the former overview and scrutiny committees has been collated for consideration by the Board.

5. LEGISLATION AND GUIDANCE (Pages 71 - 76)

New scrutiny powers from the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act came into force on 1 April 2009. They cover scrutiny of partner organisations that have signed up to Local Area Agreement targets. Guidance from the Centre for Public Scrutiny is attached.

- 6. SURVEY OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT 2008 (Pages 77 100)
- 7. WIRRAL COUNCIL SCRUTINY SURVEY (Pages 101 120)
- 8. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY FINANCIAL AND PERFORMANCE MONITORING REPORTS

The Deputy Chief Executive/Director of Corporate Services will report.

- 9. SCRUTINY CHAIRS' VISIT TO WARRINGTON (Pages 121 126)
- 10. CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Board is requested to give consideration to the question of cooption on to overview and scrutiny committees.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR