

Scrutiny Programme Board

Date:	Thursday, 4 March 2010
Time:	6.15 pm
Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Wallasey Town Hall

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AGENDA

1. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - 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. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 8)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 14 January 2010.

3. ALLOCATION OF CALL-IN NOTICES

To consider the briefing note from the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management to be circulated in advance of the meeting

4. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY - COUNCIL PROGRESS (Pages 9 - 12)

5. 'ONE COUNCIL' SCRUTINY REVIEW - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 13 - 18)

6. MEMBERS TRAINING AND DEVELOPMENT

Notes of a meeting of the Member Training Steering Group held on 8 February 2010 to be circulated. A further meeting of the MTSG will be held on 1 March 2010, which will be the subject of a verbal update.

7. SCRUTINY LEAFLET (Pages 19 - 20)

8. WORK PROGRAMMES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (Pages 21 - 64)

- (a) Children and Young People
- (b) Council Excellence
- (c) Economy and Regeneration
- (d) Health and Well Being
- (e) Sustainable Communities

9. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 65 - 74)

10. THE FORWARD PLAN AND THE SCRUTINY FUNCTION

At its meeting on 4 February 2010 (minute 298 refers), the Cabinet considered a referral from the Scrutiny Programme Board (minute 37 – 14 January 2010) in relation to the operation of the Forward Plan, which requested the Cabinet to agree to the following –

- (a) That officers include within the Forward Plan a more informative narrative of the key decisions to be taken, together with more accurate timescales.
- (b) That, for a short trial period, Chief Officers be required to submit to the next appropriate Overview and Scrutiny Committee a brief explanation of new items included in the Forward Plan.

Cabinet minute 298 resolved –

- (1) That officers include within the Forward Plan a more informative narrative of the key decisions to be taken, together with more accurate timescales.
- (2) Cabinet notes that Overview and Scrutiny Committees set their own agenda and can call on officers to present additional reports to meet their requirements.

11. DRAFT PROTOCOL - SCRUTINY OF THE CRIME AND DISORDER REDUCTION PARTNERSHIP (Pages 75 - 82)

12. ANNUAL SCRUTINY QUESTIONNAIRE (Pages 83 - 88)

13. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR