

Scrutiny Programme Board

Date:	Thursday, 3 June 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 - 6)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2010.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

The Committee is invited to appoint a Vice-Chair for the ensuing municipal year.

4. ALLOCATION OF CALL-IN NOTICES (Pages 7 - 10)

Briefing Note from the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management

5. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PETITION SCHEME IN WIRRAL (Pages 11 - 20)

6. ANNUAL SCRUTINY QUESTIONNAIRE

Verbal Report

7. SCRUTINY TRAINING

Verbal Report

8. ANNUAL SCRUTINY REPORT 2009/2010 (Pages 21 - 46)

9. THE FUTURE OF SCRUTINY - LGA CONFERENCE REPORT (Pages 47 - 52)

10. THE 2009 ANNUAL SURVEY OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONDUCTED BY THE CENTRE FOR PUBLIC SCRUTINY (Pages 53 - 74)

11. REVIEW OF CURRENT ISSUES ON THE FORWARD PLAN

At the last meeting of the Scrutiny Programme Board (minute 49 (4 March 2010) refers), Members considered the following decision of the Cabinet (minute 298 – 4 February 2010) in relation to the Forward Plan and the Scrutiny Function –

- (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) That Cabinet notes that Overview and Scrutiny Committees set their own agenda and can call on officers to present additional reports to meet their requirements.

The Board noted the decision of the Cabinet and requested that Chief Officers ensure that all new items to be included within the Forward Plan include an informative narrative of the key decisions to be taken, together with more accurate timescales for decisions to be taken.

The Forward Plan for the period June to September 2010 has now been published on the Council's intranet/website and Members are invited to review the Plan prior to the meeting in order for the Scrutiny Programme Board to consider, having regard to the Committee's work programme, whether scrutiny should take place of any items contained within the Plan and, if so, how it could be done within relevant timescales and resources.

12. ALCOHOL SCRUTINY REVIEW - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 75 - 82)

13. ONE COUNCIL SCRUTINY REVIEW - PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 83 - 88)

- 14. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 89 - 102)**
- 15. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR**