

Scrutiny Programme Board

Date:	Tuesday, 26 October 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 20 September 2010.

3. SCRUTINY WORKSHOP UPDATE (Pages 7 - 8)

4. SCRUTINY TRAINING (Pages 9 - 36)

Further to minute 21 (20 September 2010), the Director of Law, HR and Asset Management will report that the Member Training Steering Group has agreed that training for all Overview and Scrutiny Committee Members is a priority and that Dr Stephanie Snape, Research Director of the English Regions Network Research & Development Programme at the Institute of Governance & Public Management, University of Warwick, should be commissioned to provide it. Dr Snape had provided Wirral with training a few years ago

and refresher training is seen as best practice.

However, at the Informal Overview and Scrutiny Workshop (agenda item 3 refers), Members considered the proposed training arrangement. In the light of comments received, guidance is sought on how to proceed.

5. FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the period November 2010 to February 2011 has been published on the Council's intranet/website. Members are invited to review the Plan prior to the meeting in order for the Scrutiny Programme Board to consider, having regard to the 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.

6. WORK PROGRAMMES OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEES (Pages 37 - 50)

- Council Excellence (attached)
- Children and Young People (to be circulated separately)
- Economy and Regeneration (to be circulated separately)
- Health and Well Being (to be circulated separately)
- Sustainable Communities (attached)

7. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 51 - 58)

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR