

Scrutiny Programme Board

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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 meetings held on 5 January and 10 February 2011.

3. EQUALITY FRAMEWORK FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT - COUNCIL PROGRESS TOWARDS EXCELLENT STATUS (Pages 7 - 12)

4. GOOD SCRUTINY AWARDS

At its meeting held on 5 January 2011 (minute 44 refers), the Scrutiny Programme Board considered the Final report of the Alcohol Scrutiny Review. The Board supported the content and recommendations of the Alcohol Scrutiny Review and agreed that it be put forward for nomination for a Good Scrutiny Award. The deadline for the submission of entries to the Centre for Public Scrutiny is 31 March 2011.

However, Members should be aware that the Alcohol Review does not easily fit any of the categories that have been announced for this year's awards. In addition, entrants are required to demonstrate how the review has influenced decision-makers and how the review has led to positive change and better outcomes. The Review is scheduled to be considered by the Cabinet on 17 March 2011 and, at this early stage, it is not possible to demonstrate its impact or outcome for positive change.

The views of Members are sought as to whether or not the Alcohol Scrutiny Review should be submitted for a Good Scrutiny Award at this time.

5. FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the period March to June 2011 has now 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 13 - 30)

- Council Excellence Attached
- Children and Young People Report to follow
- Economy and Regeneration Report to follow
- Health and Well Being Report to follow
- Sustainable Communities Attached

7. REVIEW OF SCRUTINY PROGRAMME BOARD WORK PROGRAMME

Report to follow.

8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR