



Scrutiny Programme Board

Date:	Thursday, 9 June 2011
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 - 4)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2011.

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

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

4. CONSIDERATION OF POLICY BRIEFING NOTES (Pages 5 - 38)

The Scrutiny Programme Board is requested to give consideration to two Policy Briefing documents produced by the Centre for Public Scrutiny, in relation to matters contained within the Localism Bill. At its meeting held on 10 February 2011 (minute 53 refers), the Board had deferred consideration of the documents to a future meeting.

**5. DISCUSSION BRIEF - POWERS OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY
(Pages 39 - 42)**

6. FORWARD PLAN

The Forward Plan for the period June to September 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.

At its meeting held on 2 March 2011 (minute 58 refers), the Board requested that Chief Officers should consider reducing the number of items within the Forward Plan and should provide more information in future, in respect of Plan key decisions. The Democratic Services Manager will report verbally on this matter.

7. WORK PROGRAMME

The Scrutiny Programme Board is requested to consider what issues should form the basis its work programme for the ensuing municipal year.

**8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR
(PART 1)**

**9. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE
PUBLIC**

The public may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

RECOMMENDED – That in accordance with section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The public interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

**10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS APPROVED BY THE CHAIR
(PART 2)**