

Updated Work Programme Economy & Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

BEGINNING OF THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010 /2011

It was agreed at the Overview and Scrutiny Chairs meeting to adopt the following procedure to allow the committee members to monitor their work programme. It is felt that the work programme should be a 'living' document and as such is intended to act as a guide for the Committee throughout the year, while providing the degree of flexibility needed to respond to any emerging or pressing issues as they arise. Committee members, and particularly the Chair, should have a major role in owning and managing the work programme.

The final item on the agenda for each Scrutiny Committee will be 'Review of the Committee Work Programme'.

It is suggested that there should be four short reports. I have attached the following reports:

REPORT 1 - Lists all the issues the committee agreed to include in their Work Programme:

This report lists all items that have been selected by the Committee for inclusion on the work programme for the current year.

It also includes items, such as previous Panel Reviews, where recommendations have been made to Cabinet. It is important that the implementation of these recommendations is monitored. Otherwise there is no measure of the success of scrutiny.

For each item on the work programme, the report gives a description, an indication of how the item will be dealt with, a where possible a relative timescale for the work and brief comments on progress.

REPORT 2 - Suggestions for Additions to Work Programme

The Work Programme for the Committee should be reviewed at each meeting. This will include members having the opportunity to ask for new Items to be added to the programme. This report will list any newly suggested items. Committee will then have the opportunity to agree (or not) for them to be added to the programme.

REPORT 3 - Proposed Outline Meeting Schedule for the Municipal Year

The report lists those items which are likely to be on the meeting agenda. This will give the opportunity for Committee members to take a greater lead in organising their work programme.

REPORT 4 - Progress Report on In-Depth Panel Reviews

This report will give a very brief update on progress / timescales for in-depth panel reviews which are in the 'ownership' of the Committee.

Report 1

MONITORING REPORT FOR ECONOMY AND REGENERATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2010/2011

Date of item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Comments on Progress	Complete
17 TH JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolved – That a work programme listing the reports from chief officers on key issues during the year and the progress of major development schemes form the basis of the committee’s work programme for the current municipal year. ▪ Performance reports, covering the remit of the Scrutiny Committee, would continue to be given on a quarterly basis. ▪ The Forward Plan for the period July to October 2010 had now been published on the Council’s intranet/website and Members’ were invited to indicate to the chair or party spokespersons whether scrutiny should take place of any items contained within the Plan. Any urgent items could also be considered. 	<p>Officer Report</p> <p>Officer Report</p> <p>Officer Report</p>	Agreed items are outlined below.	
15 TH SEPT	Housing Strategy	Officer Report		
24 TH NOV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Update on Housing Strategy Consultation ▪ Invest Wirral including the support of business in the present economic circumstances ▪ NGA Broadband 	<p>Officer Report</p> <p>Officer Report</p> <p>Officer Report</p>		
12 TH JAN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Child Poverty Needs Assessment ▪ Outcomes from projects and programmes currently receiving funding and then to define the future outcomes to be achieved <p>(Programmes include Working Neighbourhoods Fund, Future Jobs Fund, HMRI, Business Start and Business Support Programmes)</p>	<p>Officer Report</p> <p>Officer Report</p>		
14 TH MAR	Review of work programme	Officer Report		

Report 3

PROPOSED OUTLINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ECONOMY AND REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2010/2011

Meeting Date	Topic Description
17TH JUNE	<p>The views of the Committee were requested concerning topics to be included in this year's scrutiny work programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Resolved – That a work programme listing the reports from chief officers on key issues during the year and the progress of major development schemes form the basis of the committee's work programme for the current municipal year. ▪ Performance reports, covering the remit of the Scrutiny Committee, would continue to be given on a quarterly basis. ▪ The Forward Plan for the period July to October 2010 had now been published on the Council's intranet/website and Members' were invited to indicate to the chair or party spokespersons whether scrutiny should take place of any items contained within the Plan. Any urgent items could also be considered.
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14TH MAR	Review of work programme

Report 4

PROGRESS REPORT ON IN-DEPTH PANEL REVIEWS ECONOMY AND REGENERATION OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

START OF MUNICIPAL YEAR 2010/2011

Title of Review	Members of Panel	Progress to Date	Date Due to report back