

## **SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES O&S COMMITTEE – 30 JANUARY 2012**

### **MINUTE 62 CORPORATE PLAN 2012/2013**

In accordance with Council minutes 77 and 78 (12 December, 2011), the Committee considered those parts of the Corporate Plan within its remit. The Committee had also had sight of a motion which had been referred to all Overview and Scrutiny Committees by the Council at its meeting on 12 December, 2011 (minute 76 refers) and which was considered in connection with the Corporate Plan.

The Draft Corporate Plan and report of the Chief Executive which had been considered by Cabinet at its meeting on 8 December were considered by the Committee and the Chair sought comments from Members.

A Member made a number of general points in relation to the Corporate Plan and some specific issues that were relevant to the work of the Sustainable Communities O&S Committee. The Chair also commented that the Corporate Plan lacked detail in relation to specific targets.

On a Motion by Councillor Wilkins and seconded by Councillor Hale, it was –

**Resolved (10:0) – That the following comments form the basis of this Committee’s response to the Corporate Plan –**

#### **A. General Points**

- (1) There are dozens of priorities that have been either omitted from the current corporate plan or so severely watered down as to be meaningless.
- (2) It shows a loss of commitment to engagement, consultation and involvement – these are scarcely mentioned.
- (3) In particular there is no mention of any annual budget consultation.
- (4) There is no mention of the Strategic Change Programme, or of the need for the Council to change.
- (5) There is no reference to reducing the costs of running the council / bureaucracy.
- (6) There is no reference to delegation or devolved decision making or budgets.
- (7) There is no mention of Area Forums.
- (8) There is no mention of the Voluntary and Community Sector, or of grants.

#### **B. Some Key Issues Relevant to this Committee**

- (9) There is no mention of Libraries

- (10)** There is no mention of 20mph zones
- (11)** There is no mention of Alcohol Harm, despite recent public health reports saying how bad Wirral is for alcohol related hospital admissions and conditions. (Cabinet agreed on 17 March that the recommendation of the Alcohol Scrutiny Review (*Tackling Alcohol Harm*) be picked up in the Corporate Plan).
- (12)** There is no mention of Green Technology / Solar Energy. The pledge in the current plan “we will make sure all future Council projects incorporate green technology and sustainable products and urge private developers to do the same” has been deleted.
- (13)** There is no mention of Community Justice.
- (14)** That the Plan contains no detail in relation to targets