

**UPDATE ON WORK PROGRAMME : ECONOMY & REGENERATION
OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 5th SEPTEMBER 2012**

Reports to assist in monitoring the Committee's work programme

It was agreed by the Scrutiny Chairs Group in September 2008 to use the following reports to monitor the work programme for each Scrutiny Committee. The last item on each Scrutiny Committee agenda should be 'Review of the Committee Work Programme'.

Report 1 - Monitoring Report for Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

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

It will also include 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 will give a description, an indication of how the item will be dealt with, 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 enable members 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 will, for each scheduled Committee meeting, list 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 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 5th SEPTEMBER 2012

Date of New item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Complete Date	Comments on Progress	Complete?
06/06/11	Green Growth – Motion agreed at Council in April requesting this Scrutiny Committee to “investigate and draw up a report for Cabinet on the best ways to create and support a ‘cluster’ of companies to lead the way in driving a Green economy on Wirral and across the country”.	In-depth Scrutiny Review by Working Group of Members	December 2011	This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11. Scope document for the Review agreed by Committee on 05/09/11. The final report for the review was presented to Committee on 08/03/12 and was referred to the Cabinet meeting held on 12th April 2012. Cabinet also received a departmental report providing a response to the recommendations of the scrutiny review. An officer / member working group, the Green Economy Working group, has been set up to lead the implementation of the recommendations. Further reports regarding the impact of the recommendations will be provided to Committee in the future.	

Date of New item	Topic Description	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Complete Date	Comments on Progress	Complete?
06/06/11	The implementation of affordable housing policies	Report to Committee		<p>During the discussion on the 'End of Year Performance Report' on 06/06/11, members requested a report on this item. Report on Affordable Housing presented to Committee on 05/09/11. A further report on Mortgages / Affordability was provided on 08/03/12. Cabinet (12/04/12) was requested to consider the creation of a LA Mortgage Scheme.</p> <p>The outcome of the Cabinet debate was reported back to Committee on 07/06/12. It was agreed that the item should be retained on the Committee's work programme.</p>	
06/06/11	<p>Business Start Programme</p> <p>The Programme has performed well but:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are we supporting businesses for the future? • What size of business is supported? • How long have supported businesses remained in business? <p>Were businesses satisfied with the support?</p>	Report to Committee		<p>This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11. Report presented to Committee on 07/11/11. Agreed that a further report on the future options for a business start-up programme be brought to a future meeting. Progress report presented to Committee on 08/03/12. The views of Committee were referred to Cabinet on 12/04/12. The outcome of the Cabinet debate was reported back to Committee on 07/06/12.</p>	

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06/06/11	Inward Investment	Report to Committee		<p>This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the committee meeting on 06/06/11.</p> <p>Report presented to Committee on 05/09/11. Agreed that a further report will be provided once the Inward Investment Manager is in post.</p> <p>Suggested that a further report be presented to Committee in the future.</p>	
05/09/11	Fair Trade	Mark Johnston		<p>The Chair provided a verbal report to Committee on 05/09/11 regarding the work undertaken by him as Fair Trade Champion.</p> <p>In future, this work will be organised by the Economy & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee (rather than by Champions). A further report will be provided to a Committee meeting in the future (possibly November 2012).</p>	
07/11/11	Child Poverty Strategy	Officer Reports (Jane Morgan)		<p>A progress report on the Child Poverty Strategy and Action Plan was presented to the Committee on 07/11/11. Agreed that regular updates will be brought to Committee in the future. Progress report provided to Committee on 08/03/12. Further Progress reports will be provided to Committee.</p>	

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07/06/12	Visit to regeneration and housing sites, for example, housing schemes, Wirral International Business Park, Wirral Waters	Members visit to be arranged by Kevin Adderley / David Ball		Tour of sites due to take place on 03/07/12.	
07/06/12	Housing Welfare Reform - The impact of Welfare Reform on both private and social housing sectors, and particularly on under occupation in the social sector.	To be agreed		This topic was suggested by the Economy & Regeneration Scrutiny Committee, 8 th March 2012	
07/06/12	Wirral Trade Centre – Referral from Council Council agreed a motion on 16 th April 2012 which included: "Council calls on the three Parties to agree membership for a 1:1:1 Member Working Party, reporting to the Economy and Regeneration OSC. This Working Party will scope a project leading to recommendations to ensure this Council and its partners are Trade Centre ready and able to embrace all opportunities for development through its growing links with China and other countries and that potential barriers to businesses and investors are identified and recommendations made as to how these can be overcome".	In-depth Scrutiny Review by Working Group of Members	End of 2012	This item was proposed by members for inclusion on the work programme at the Committee meeting on 07/06/12.	

REPORT 2
SUGGESTIONS FOR ADDITIONS TO WORK PROGRAMME
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 5TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Topic Description	Topic suggested by	How the topic will be dealt with	Estimated Completion Date

REPORT 3
PROPOSED OUTLINE MEETING SCHEDULE FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 5TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Meeting Date	Topic Description
07/06/12	<p>Presentation and discussion – Dave Furlong & Lisa Thompson, Mole Group Terms of Reference for the Committee – Presentation (David Ball) Role of Scrutiny – Presentation (Alan Veitch) Green Growth in Wirral – – Feedback from referral to Cabinet, 12th April 2012 Wirral Trade Centre – Notice of Motion – Referral from Council, 16th April 2012 Affordability and Mortgages including First-Time Buyers – Feedback from referral to Cabinet, 12th April 2012 Business Support – Feedback from referral to Cabinet, 12th April 2012 Equality Impact Assessments – Referral from Scrutiny Programme Board, 28th February 2012 Regeneration Tour, 3rd July 2012 Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update</p>
05/09/12	<p>Presentation and discussion – Member of the Business Community Trade Centre Scrutiny Review: Update (Report of Working Group – Cllr Mark Johnston, Chair) Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 (Kevin Adderley) Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update Plus other items to add.....</p>
12/11/12	<p>Presentation and discussion – Member of the Business Community Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 2 (Kevin Adderley) Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update (Exempt Item) Plus other items to add.....</p>

Meeting Date	Topic Description
21/01/13	Presentation and discussion – Member of the Business Community Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update Plus other items to add.....
18/03/13	Presentation and discussion – Member of the Business Community Performance Monitoring Report – Quarter 3 (Kevin Adderley) Scrutiny Work Programme Forward Plan Regeneration Update Plus other items to add.....

REPORT 4
PROGRESS REPORT ON IN-DEPTH PANEL REVIEWS
ECONOMY & REGENERATION : 5TH SEPTEMBER 2012

Title of Review	Members of Panel	Progress to Date	Date Due to report to Committee
Trade Centre Scrutiny Review	Cllr Mark Johnston (Chair) Cllr Jean Stapleton Cllr Andrew Hodson	<u>As at 02/07/12:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Working Group has met to discuss the draft scope for the review. • The Scope for the review will be finalised and will be reported to Committee in September • A meeting at the Confucius Centre (Calday Grange Grammar School) has been arranged. • Further meetings with Council officers and members of the business, voluntary and community sectors will be arranged as the evidence-gathering for the review continues. 	End of 2012