

5 SEPTEMBER 2012

EXTRACT

**24 REVIEW OF SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME AND FORWARD PLAN**

Further to minute 12 (7 June 2012), the Chair indicated that he had sought the views of Members as to what issues should form the basis of the Committee's work programme and he outlined the issues that had already been identified for scrutiny.

He referred also to minute 7 of the Scrutiny Programme Board held on 18 July 2012, which requested Scrutiny Chairs and spokespersons to review their work programmes to prioritise work consistently with the Council's Corporate Plan, and to consider also, the work programmes of other scrutiny committees to identify areas of work that involved, or potentially involved, cross-cutting issues and/or clear synergies (in law, fact or issue) with areas within their own work programme. The Chair commented that the only area he had identified as a cross-cutting theme was in relation to the Child Poverty Strategy and he sought the views of Members as to whether it should be undertaken by the Children and Young People O&S Committee. However, the Director commented that economic issues were a key contributory factor to child poverty.

The Forward Plan for the period September to December, 2012 was published on the Council's intranet/website and Members had been invited to review the Plan prior to the meeting in order for the Economy and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee to consider, having regard to its 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.

**Resolved –**

- (1) That the Work Programme for the remainder of the municipal year be agreed, subject to the inclusion of the following items –**
  - **Further scrutiny work being undertaken on the impact of Welfare Reform on both private and social housing sectors and in particular, on under-occupancy in the social sector (minute 49 (8 March 2012) refers).**
  - **A further update upon the effect of the economy on Youth Unemployment.**
- (2) That the Scrutiny Programme Board be thanked for its referral and be advised that the potential cross-cutting theme of Child Poverty should remain within the remit of the Economy and Regeneration O&S Committee. (10:0)**
- (3) That the Forward Plan be noted.**