

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b><i>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</i></b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b><i>THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE</i></b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee discussed the formulation of its work programme for the municipal year at its inaugural meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July. The Committee agreed to delegate responsibility for developing the work programme to the Chair and Party Spokespersons. This report updates Members on the progress with this work and the activity proposed for this committee.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Inaugural meetings of all Policy and Performance Committees have included discussion about potential items for the scrutiny work programme. Each Committee has delegated the development of its work programme to the Committee Chairs and Party Spokespersons.

2.2 With regard to the criteria for selecting items for scrutiny, the Chair and Party Spokespersons of this Committee have agreed a number of items suitable for Task & Finish Review and some that are suitable to be presented in the form of officer reports for the Committee to examine and make appropriate recommendations.

### 3.0 WORK PROGRAMME OF THE FAMILIES AND WELLBEING POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

3.1 The work programme for this Committee is attached as Appendix 1.

3.2 It is proposed that a common format will be used present the work programme for all four Policy & Performance Committees. This information will be in the form of a schedule for the municipal year. The work is set out against the following headings:

- **Scheduled Reviews** – These have been prioritised and programmed across the year and include: the Looked After Children Review and the Implications of the Francis Report for Wirral.
- **Potential Reviews** – This section is included to capture items that the committee would like to review in more detail, subject to there being sufficient capacity. There are a number of items listed including domestic violence, the impact of alcohol consumption on communities and the ‘Quality Assurance Frameworks and Standards in Care Homes’.
- **Reports requested / Bespoke Committee Items** – This section is included to capture specific items that the Committee would like to discuss or receive reports on, or items referred by Cabinet.

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- **Standing Items** – This includes regular agenda items, that is, performance dashboards to review key indicators in the directorate plan, financial monitoring and policy updates.

3.3 Members will note that the Looked After Children Task & Finish Group and the Co-optees Task & Finish Group have both recently completed their work and have presented reports elsewhere on this agenda. The 'Implications of the Francis Report for Wirral' Task & Finish Group is scheduled to continue its work until December 2013. As a result, there will be officer capacity to support further work. Members are, therefore, requested to consider topics on which they would wish to commence work at this stage and introduce the appropriate Task & Finish Group(s). A list of previously identified topics is shown under the 'Potential Reviews' section of Appendix 1.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

4.1 Members are requested to approve the Families and Wellbeing Policy & Performance Committee work programme as set out in Appendix 1 and make any necessary amendments.

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