

WIRRAL COUNCIL

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

17TH SEPTEMBER 2013

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| SUBJECT: | <i>COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</i> |
| REPORT OF: | <i>CHAIR & PARTY SPOKESPERSONS</i> |

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 The Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee discussed the formulation of its work programme for the municipal year at its inaugural meeting on 10th July. The Committee agreed to delegate responsibility for developing the work programme to the Chair and party spokespersons. This report updates members on the outcome of those discussions and the proposed work programme for approval by the committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Initial discussions at the committee meeting identified a number of areas for review. However it was recognised that it was important to have a manageable programme that could be adequately resourced considering elected member capacity and officer support.

2.2 At a meeting convened on 24th July, the Chair and Party Spokespersons reviewed the criteria for selecting items and agreed a number of items to be presented as regular reports, as well as a number of areas suitable for task and finish review.

3.0 WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 The work programme is included at Appendix 1. A common work programme format has been adopted for all four Policy and Performance Committees. This is in the form of a schedule for the municipal year highlighting the committee meetings with the proposed activity set out against the following four headings:

3.2 **Scheduled Reviews** – These have been prioritised and programmed across the year and include:

- The impact of the 2013/14 budget options / potential options for 2014/15
- Review of apprenticeships programme
- Review of Street cleansing post budget options
- Arrangements for monitoring new Highways contract.

3.3 **Potential Reviews** – The Chair and Party Spokespersons were mindful not to overload the Committee and retain some flexibility in the work programme. Should there be sufficient capacity at a future date, the following were identified as additional items suitable for review:

- Regional Growth – Offshore Industry
- Coastal Issues

3.4 **Reports requested** – The following reports were identified and requested as key areas of interest:

- Report on Youth unemployment to the September (September 2013)
- The effects of the welfare reforms with specific focus on the impact on homelessness (April 2014). This will incorporate the recommendation of the Under-occupation Scrutiny Review (April 2013) to review the effects of Welfare Reform.

3.5 **Standing Items** – This includes the following regular items:

- Performance Dashboard – performance against target for key indicators in the Directorate Plan.
- Budget monitoring – monitoring of the Directorate budget and delivery of budget savings.
- Policy update – an update on any key policies or legislation relevant to this Committee since the last meeting.
- Recommendations from Highways Representation Panels.

3.6 In addition, to the items set out above, two special meetings have been scheduled in November and December to review the proposed budget options for 2014/15 in line with the annual budget consultation timetable.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 Members are requested to approve the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee work programme as set out in Appendix 1.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Regeneration and Environment Committee Work Programme.

SUBJECT HISTORY

| Council Meeting | Date |
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| Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee | 10 th July 2013 |