

WIRRAL COUNCIL

Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee

Tuesday 17 September 2013

SUBJECT:	POLICY UPDATE
REPORT OF:	Director of Public Health/Head of Policy & Performance
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER	Cllr Ann McLachlan (Governance and Improvement)

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report provides a policy briefing to Members. This is to enable Members to review new areas of policy and the government initiatives that will impact on local government in the short to medium term. Members are requested to consider the policy briefing and whether there are any items that could be included in the work programme for this committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 One of the key elements of good Overview and Scrutiny highlighted by the Centre for Public Scrutiny is horizon-scanning. This means looking ahead to future changes in local government in order for the Council to have sufficient time to adapt to them.

2.2 As part of the reorganisation of Scrutiny within the Council, the scrutiny support team is now located alongside the Council's Policy unit to ensure these areas are joined up more effectively. The Policy Unit has developed a range of products to help Members and officers understand the evolving policy context within which the Council operates.

3.0 POLICY UPDATE

3.1 The 'Policy Inform' briefing is included at Appendix 1. This has been developed to provide Members with those new areas of policy that align with the remit of this committee. Each area covered includes a range of information including the Accountable Officer, the relevant portfolio, a brief synopsis, key points to consider, the implications and further information.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 There are none relating to this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 N/A

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

7.1 N/A

8.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 N/A

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

9.1 N/A

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 N/A

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality?

~~(a) Yes. The impact review has been sent to the Equality and Diversity Co-ordinator and is located at-~~

~~(b) No because there is no relevance to equality.~~

(c) No because of another reason which is

The report is for information to Members and there are no direct equalities implications at this stage.

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

12.1 N/A

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 N/A

14.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

14.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report and consider whether they wish to receive any further, more detailed reports or add any specific items to the work programme of this committee.

15.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

15.1 To ensure Members have the opportunity to consider new policy initiatives and their relevance to the Committee's on going work programme.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Policy Inform Regeneration & Environment