

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee

27 January 2014

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>POLICY UPDATE</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>ALL</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Director of Public Health/Head of Policy &amp; Performance</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Cllr Ann McLachlan (Governance and Improvement)</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>NO</b>

### 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 scrutiny work programme.

### 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. 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?

(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.

## **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 and Environment