

WIRRAL COUNCIL

Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee

27 January 2014

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

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates Members on progress delivering the Scrutiny Work Programme. This includes an update of the work on items included in the Work Programme for this committee agreed at the Committee meeting in September 2013.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 At their first and second meetings held in July and September, all four Policy and Performance Committees discussed and agreed their work programmes for the municipal year.

3.0 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME - TASK & FINISH WORK UPDATE

3.1 A Work Programme for the Regeneration & Environment Policy & Performance Committee was approved on 3 September 2013. This proposed four pieces of work under the following headings:

- Impact of budget options 2013/14 and options for 2014/15
- Review of Apprenticeships
- Review of Street cleansing post budget options
- Arrangements for monitoring new Highways contract.

3.2 At the Party Spokespersons meeting on 13 November 2013 the following piece of work was added to the Work Programme

- Car Parking

3.3 A brief summary of the work against these topics is summarised below. The updated work programme for this Committee is attached as Appendix 1.

Impact of Budget Options 2013/14 and options 2014/15

- 3.4 This review considered the impact and deliverability of 2013/14 budget options and looked to make an informed contribution towards 2014/15 budget options. A report of the Task & Finish Group was presented to Committee on 5 November 2013 and referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Review of Apprenticeships

- 3.5 A Scrutiny Review Panel of four Committee Members has been established to explore this topic. The Chair of this Panel is Councillor Mark Johnston. The panel have met with Senior Officers, key stakeholders and external organisations. The review is ongoing and the group is expected to report this municipal year.

Review of Council's Car Parking Strategy

- 3.6 Recommendations made in the Impact of Budget Options Review proposed the review and development of Wirral's Car Parking Strategy. A Scrutiny Review Panel of six Committee Members has been confirmed. The first meeting on 21 January 2014 will agree a Chair and determine the scope of this review.

Review of Street Cleansing Post Budget Options

- 3.7 This review will look at the impact of budget options from 2013/14 on Street Cleansing. This work is scheduled to commence this Municipal Year.

Arrangements for monitoring new Highways contract

- 3.8 This review will look at the arrangements for monitoring the new Highways Contract. This work is scheduled to commence this Municipal Year. The new Highways contract is not due to start until April 2014 and Members may wish to consider commencing this review in the next Municipal Year.

4.0 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE – OFFICER REPORT UPDATE

- 4.1 In addition to the scheduled reviews the Committee has requested Officer Reports on the following topics to be added to the agenda of future meetings:
- Report on Youth Unemployment
 - Effects of Welfare Reforms with specific focus on homelessness
 - The Impact in Wirral of Cumulative Impact Assessments
 - An update on Parking on Pavements & Verges

5.0 RELEVANT RISKS

- 5.1 There are none directly relating to this report.

6.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

6.1 N/A

7.0 CONSULTATION

7.1 N/A

8.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

8.1 N/A

9.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

9.1 N/A

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

10.1 N/A

11.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

11.1 N/A

12.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 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.

13.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 N/A

14.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

14.1 N/A

15.0 RECOMMENDATION/S

15.1 Members are requested to approve the updated Regeneration & Environment Policy & Performance Committee work programme as set out in Appendix 1 and make any necessary amendments.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Regeneration & Environment Work Programme