

WIRRAL COUNCIL

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

22 July 2014

SUBJECT:	WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	CLLR ANN MCLACHLAN (GOVERNANCE AND IMPROVEMENT)
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates Members on the current position regarding the Committee's work programme. Consideration is given to the need for flexibility in the work programme, particularly in terms of scrutinising options arising from the Future Council Programme in September.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee is responsible for proposing the Committee's work programme for the year. It is suggested that the work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council and should be informed by:

- Service Performance information
- Risk management information
- Service priorities including any planned service changes
- Public or service user feedback
- Referrals from the Executive

2.2 In determining items for the Scrutiny Work Programme, good practice recommends the following criteria should be applied:

- Public Interest – topics should resonate with the local community
- Impact – there should be clear objectives and outcomes that make the work worthwhile
- Council Performance – the focus should be on improving performance
- Keeping in Context – should ensure best use of time and resources

3.0 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

- 3.1 At the first Agenda Setting meeting for the new municipal year, it was proposed that a meeting should be convened to determine items for the 2014/15 Scrutiny Work Programme for the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee. This meeting would be held with the Chair and Vice-Chair of this Committee, Group Spokespersons and the Strategic Director. It is proposed that this meeting will take place in early August.
- 3.2 Members of this Committee should liaise with their Group Spokesperson on any item that they feel should be considered as part of the Scrutiny Work Programme. It is expected that a proposed Work Programme will be presented to the Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee for approval prior to being presented to the next Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee in September.
- 3.2 Members will be aware of the Future Council programme and a separate report is available elsewhere on this agenda. However, in planning the work programme of this Committee, Members need to retain sufficient capacity to scrutinise options emerging from the Future Council process, initially during September and October.

4.0 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE

4.1 Review of Apprenticeships

A Scrutiny Review Panel of four Committee Members has been established to explore this topic. The Chair of this Panel is Councillor Anita Leech. The panel have met with Senior Officers, key stakeholders and external organisations. The panel has completed the evidence gathering stage and has met with Officers to discuss operational implications of recommendations. The panel expects to report to Septembers Committee meeting.

4.2 Review of Councils Car Parking Strategy

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 seven Committee Members has been confirmed. The Chair of this panel is Councillor Paul Doughty. The panel have met with Senior Officers and continue to work alongside Officers to develop a Car Parking Strategy for the Borough.

4.3 Review of Street Cleansing Post Budget Options

This review proposed to look at the impact of budget options from 2013/14 on Street Cleansing. This work did not commence during the last Municipal Year and it was proposed by the Chair at the recent Agenda setting meeting that the Committee receives an Officer report later in the year on this item. The scope of this report is to be decided.

4.4 Arrangements for monitoring new Highways contract

This review proposed to look at the arrangements for monitoring the new Highways Contract. The new Highways contract commenced 1st April 2014 and it was proposed by the Chair at the recent Agenda setting meeting that the Committee receives a report covering the arrangements for monitoring later this year.

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 note the contents of the report.

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