

## **WIRRAL COUNCIL**

### **REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE**

**23 MARCH 2015**

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b><i>WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT</i></b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b><i>THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE</i></b>

#### **1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 This report updates Members on the current position regarding the work programme for the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee.

#### **2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES**

- 2.1 The Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council and be informed by service priorities and performance, risk management information, public or service user feedback and referrals from Cabinet or Council.
- 2.2 The work programme is made up of a combination of scrutiny reviews, standing items and requested officer reports. This provides the committee with an opportunity to plan and regularly review its work across the municipal year.

#### **3.0 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

- 3.1 The work programme was presented to the Regeneration and Environment Policy and Performance Committee held on 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2014. The work programme was subsequently approved and is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.2 On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2015, the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee agreed for the inclusion of two Task & Finish Reviews in the committee's Work Programme. These were:
- The Council's Coastal Strategy; and
  - Homelessness within Wirral.

The Committee agreed that the Coastal Strategy Task & Finish Review would begin this municipal year and that membership of the panel would be Councillors Michael Sullivan, John Hale and Dave Mitchell. It was also agreed that the review on homelessness would commence in the new municipal year.

#### **4.0 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE**

### Coastal Strategy

A scoping meeting for this review has now convened and an overview of the Coastal Strategy was presented to the Panel by officers. The detailed scope of the review will be formalised at the next meeting with officers

## **5.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **5.1 Implications of Benefit Reforms on Under Occupancy**

A report detailing the progress made on implementing recommendations arising from the review was originally included on the agenda for April's Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee meeting. The Chair and Party Spokespersons agreed with officers at the agenda setting meeting that due to April's Committee meeting being brought forward to March, this item will now be deferred to July's Committee meeting to allow officers time to prepare the report.

## **6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 6.1 Members are requested to approve the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2014/15 as shown in the appendix, making any necessary amendments.

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