

# WIRRAL COUNCIL

## Coordinating Committee

23<sup>rd</sup> June 2015

<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>Policy &amp; Performance Committee Remits</b>
<b>WARD/S AFFECTED:</b>	<b>All</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>Strategic Director - Transformation &amp; Resources</b>
<b>RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	<b>Cllr Ann McLachlan</b>
<b>KEY DECISION?</b>	<b>No</b>

### 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report reviews the roles of the Policy and Performance Committees and proposes a number of updates to their remits to reflect organisational restructuring over the last year and in line with the statutory requirements for Overview and Scrutiny. Coordinating Committee is requested to endorse these changes with a view to referring them, where necessary, to Council for approval.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 Overall there are four Policy and Performance Committees. Three of these are aligned to the Council's Strategic Directorates. The Constitution determines that the Coordinating Committee is responsible for:

- a. Determining the Overview and Scrutiny Rules and operational protocols set out in Part 4 insofar as they have not otherwise been determined by statute or reserved to the Council.
- b. Determining the overall work programme of the Policy and Performance Committees, including ensuring there is an overall planned approach to in-depth reviews generated by the 3 committees.
- c. Allocating responsibilities to the Policy and Performance Committees where there is ambiguity or a matter is the concern of more than one committee.
- d. Considering any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants including matters referred by constituency committees and councillor calls for action, and exercises the right to call in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Cabinet.
- e. Approving an overview and scrutiny forward work programme, including the programme of any sub-committees it appoints so as to ensure that committees' and sub-committees' time is effectively and efficiently utilised.

- 2.2 In order to effectively scrutinise Council services, the remits of the committees are aligned with the organisational structure. These remits were first reported to Coordinating Committee on 3 July 2013. At that time, a small amount of service activity reported directly to the Chief Executive and these areas of Council business were aligned to the Coordinating Committee.
- 2.3 Since then, the Council has been through a number of organisational restructures and it is appropriate to refresh the committee remits to reflect this. The revised committee remits are set out in Appendix 1. Under this approach, all service activity is now aligned to one of the three Strategic Directorate Policy & Performance Committees. This frees up the Coordinating Committee to fulfil its constitutional role as set out in 2.2 above, deal with call-ins and pick up any Council-wide business or activity that does not clearly align with one of the other committees.

#### Additional Scrutiny Responsibilities

- 2.4 As well as the statutory duty to undertake overview and scrutiny under the strong leader model, there are three additional areas for which the Council's scrutiny function has a statutory responsibility for undertaking scrutiny as follows:
- Health Scrutiny
  - Crime & Safety Partnership Scrutiny
  - Flood Risk Scrutiny
- 2.5 It is proposed these statutory scrutiny responsibilities are allocated to the Committee with the best fit, in line with the remits set out in Appendix 1. This is summarised in the table below:

Statutory Scrutiny Requirement	Policy & Performance Committee
Health Provision	Families & Wellbeing Committee
Crime & Safety Partnership	Transformation & Resources Committee
Flood Risk	Regeneration & Environment Committee

### **3.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

- 3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

### **4.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 4.1 No other options have been considered

### **5.0 CONSULTATION**

- 5.1 In line with Article 6 of the Council's constitution, the Policy and Performance Coordinating Committee is responsible for 'allocating responsibilities to the Policy and Performance Committees where there is ambiguity or a matter is the concern of more than one committee'. As such, Members of the Coordinating

Committee are requested to consider the proposed committee remits and advise any amendments.

## **6.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS**

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **7.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS**

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **8.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS**

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **9.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **10.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 Has the potential impact of your proposal(s) been reviewed with regard to equality? No, this report refers to the remits of the Policy and Performance Committees and there is no direct relevance to equality.

## **11.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **12.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

12.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

## **13.0 RECOMMENDATION/S**

13.1 The Committee endorses the remits as proposed in Appendix 1.

13.2 The Committee refers the statutory scrutiny responsibilities for approval by Council as set out in paragraph 2.5 above.

## **14.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S**

14.1 To set out clearly the different remit and scope of the Policy and Performance Committees.

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**APPENDICES – N/A**

**BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL – N/A**

**SUBJECT HISTORY – N/A**