

WIRRAL COUNCIL

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

14 JULY 2015

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

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 In determining items for the Scrutiny Work Programme, good practice recommends the following criteria could 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

2.3 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. The work programme as at the end of the 2014/15 municipal year is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 At the Agenda Setting meeting for this Committee, the arrangements for setting the work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year were discussed. It was agreed that a workshop session would be convened and this would be held with the Chair, Vice Chair, Group Spokespersons and senior officers to determine the items to be included on the work programme. Members will be informed of these arrangements and will be requested to discuss any

suggestions for items to be included on the work programme with the Chair or their Group Spokesperson.

4.0 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE

4.1 Coastal Strategy

A Task & Finish review of the Council's Coastal Strategy was agreed as part of the 2014/15 work programme. An initial scoping meeting was convened in February with an outcome that an additional scoping meeting would be required. Due to the election period and Member availability, this was subsequently delayed. The second scoping meeting has recently convened and the scope of the review is in the process of being formalised. An update on the progress of this review will be reported to Committee at the next scheduled meeting in September.

5.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Under Occupancy

At the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee meeting held in March 2013, a report was presented detailing the progress made on the Under-Occupation Scrutiny Review. From the eighteen recommendations made, seven were still reported as outstanding. A further update on progress to implementing these recommendations is attached as appendix 2 to this report.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Members are requested to note the contents of this report, including the arrangements for setting the Committee's work programme for the 2015/16 municipal year.

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