

WIRRAL COUNCIL

REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

15 SEPTEMBER 2015

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 as agreed for the 2015/16 municipal year.

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 current work programme for the Committee is attached as Appendix 1.

3.0 REGENERATION AND ENVIRONMENT POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

3.1 At the previous Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee held on 14th July 2015, the Committee was presented with a report on 'Tourism'. It was further agreed that a Task & Finish Review to look at the promotion and marketing of Wirral tourism should be added to the Committee's work programme. It is anticipated that this review will start imminently and a request for volunteers to form the review panel will be sent to all Members of this Committee.

- 3.2 At the Agenda Setting meeting for this Committee, a Task & Finish review on homelessness and the impact of removing housing benefit for under-21s was also agreed to be included on the Committee's work programme. It is anticipated that the review will commence early in the new year with an initial report presented to the Committee for the meeting scheduled in December.

4.0 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE

4.1 Coastal Strategy

Evidence-gathering sessions are commencing for this review and further updates will be provided to Members at the next scheduled meeting.

5.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

5.1 Under-Occupation Scrutiny Review

At the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee meeting held on 14th July 2015, a report was presented to Members detailing the progress made on the seven outstanding recommendations in relation to the Under-Occupation Scrutiny Review.

5.2 Car Parking Scrutiny Review

An update on the Car Parking Scrutiny Review will be provided to this Committee later in the municipal year.

6.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 6.1 Members are requested to approve the updated Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2015/16 as shown in the appendix, making any required amendments.

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