

WIRRAL COUNCIL

COORDINATING COMMITTEE

30 SEPTEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME
WARD/S AFFECTED:	ALL
REPORT OF:	CHAIR OF COORDINATING COMMITTEE
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	CLLR ANN MCLACHLAN
KEY DECISION?	NO

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report sets out the scrutiny work programme. The report includes the work programme of the Coordinating Committee which is included as Appendix 1. It also includes the work programmes of the three Policy and Performance Committees, see Appendix 2 – 4. This is to enable Coordinating Committee to undertake its constitutional role to ‘determine the overall work programme of the Policy and Performance Committees, including ensuring there is an overall planned approach to in depth review’.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 For each of the Policy and Performance Committees the work programme is made up of a combination of standing items, officer reports, items referred from other committees and scrutiny reviews. These are set out in a schedule at the start of the municipal year and reviewed at regular meetings of the committee.

2.2 The work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council. It should be informed by service priorities and performance, risk management information, public or service user feedback and referrals from the Executive.

2.3 Since the last Coordinating Committee on 23 June, a scrutiny review into Cumulative Impact Policy has commenced and is scheduled to report back to this committee in February 2016. A summary of the task and finish reviews currently in progress across the other three committees is set out below:

Committee	Review Title
Families and Wellbeing	Safeguarding Children Reducing Hospital Admissions
Regeneration and Environment	Coastal Strategy Tourism
Transformation and Resources	To be confirmed

2.4 Further to the launch of the Wirral Council Plan: A 2020 Vision, Policy and Performance Committees have an opportunity to review the details set out in the associated Delivery Plan which is scheduled for publication in October. This will provide scrutiny members with a chance to influence the shape of that plan which is due to be finalised in February 2016.

2.5 In order to ensure consistency, this Committee should give consideration to proposing a coordinated approach to this work. This should involve considering which elements of the Delivery Plan should be prioritised for initial scrutiny and how those activities which align with the remits of more than one committee should be reviewed. An approach that could be adopted would be to have a single workshop for each of the three Council Plan priorities organised around question and answer sessions with the relevant lead officers.

3.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 There are currently no outstanding recommendations, from previous scrutiny reviews that fall under the remit of this committee.

4.0 RELEVANT RISKS

4.1 There are none arising from this report.

5.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

5.1 N/A

6.0 CONSULTATION

6.1 N/A

7.0 OUTSTANDING PREVIOUSLY APPROVED ACTIONS

7.1 There are none relating to this report.

8.0 IMPLICATION FOR VOLUNTARY, COMMUNITY AND FAITH GROUPS

8.1 There are none arising from this report.

9.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: FINANCIAL; IT; STAFFING; AND ASSETS

9.1 There are none arising from this report.

10.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are none arising from this report.

11.0 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

11.1 There are none arising from this report.

12.0 CARBON REDUCTION AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

12.1 There are none arising from this report.

13.0 PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

13.1 There are none arising from this report.

14.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 Committee notes the content of the scrutiny work programme across all Policy and Performance Committees and highlights any areas requiring further clarification.

14.2 Committee proposes a coordinated approach to the initial scrutiny of the Wirral Plan 2020 – Delivery Plan.

15.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

15.1 For the committee to discharge its constitutional role to maintain an overview of the Scrutiny Work Programme.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Coordinating Committee Work Programme

Appendix 2 – Families & Wellbeing Committee Work Programme

Appendix 3 – Regeneration & Environment Committee Work Programme

Appendix 4 – Transformation & Resources Committee Work Programme

BACKGROUND PAPERS/REFERENCE MATERIAL

N/A

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date
Coordinating Committee	02 July 2014
Coordinating Committee	03 September 2014
Coordinating Committee	27 February 2015