

WIRRAL COUNCIL

TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

3 DECEMBER 2015

SUBJECT:	<i>WORK PROGRAMME UPDATE REPORT</i>
WARDS AFFECTED:	<i>ALL</i>
REPORT OF:	<i>THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE</i>
RESPONSIBLE PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	<i>N/A</i>
KEY DECISION:	<i>N/A</i>

1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1.1 This report updates Members on the current position regarding the work programme for the Transformation and Resources Policy & Performance Committee.

2.0 BACKGROUND AND KEY ISSUES

2.1 The Transformation and Resources 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 TRANSFORMATION AND RESOURCES POLICY & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

- 3.1 At the previous Transformation and Resources Policy & Performance Committee meeting held on 21st September, the Committee agreed to defer a Task & Finish scrutiny review on libraries until early 2016. This would enable the Scrutiny Review Panel to be presented with information on the Leisure and Culture Review, the impact of the 18 hours across community libraries and the impact of the Savings Programme. A scoping meeting will be scheduled upon this information being made available.

4.0 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE

4.1 Disaster Recovery

A Task & Finish scrutiny review on the Council's disaster recovery arrangements is now in progress. The Chair and Party Spokespersons agreed that the Review Panel would include Councillors Adam Sykes, Chris Carubia, Steve Foulkes, Leah Fraser, Treena Johnson and John Salter. A scoping meeting has now convened and it was further agreed that Councillor Adam Sykes would be the Chair of the Review Panel.

5.0 WIRRAL PLAN WORKSHOPS

- 5.1 The three scrutiny workshops for Members to consider the delivery of the Wirral Plan have now been held. The workshops covered each of the three themes (People, Business and Environment) and the outcomes are to be presented in a consolidated report to the Policy & Performance Coordinating Committee scheduled for 10th December.

6.0 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

6.1 Local Welfare Assistance Scheme

A full report detailing the progress made on implementing the recommendations from the scrutiny review is to be presented to the next committee meeting scheduled for 1st February 2016. This report will also inform the committee on how the funding has been used and what remains to deliver the scheme.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 7.1 Members are requested to approve the Transformation and Resources Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2015/16 and to determine the prioritisation of Task & Finish Scrutiny Reviews.

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