

**Policy and Performance - Regeneration and Environment
Committee****Wednesday, 2 March 2016**

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

REPORT SUMMARY

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.

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.

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

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**.

RECOMMENDATION/S

Members are requested to approve the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee work programme for 2015/16.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee have the opportunity to regularly review, update and give continuous approval to the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

N/A

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE

3.1.1 Tourism

As reported in the previous work programme report, the first evidence session was held in December and Members of the Review Panel had an opportunity to talk to the Council's Heritage Officer and a representative from the History and Heritage Association. The next evidence session is to be finalised with representatives from the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Wirral Met College.

3.1.2 Coastal Strategy

The evidence session for the Coastal Strategy scrutiny review has now been held. The Review Panel focused particularly on areas detailed in the strategy that required intervention in the short-term from flood and coastal erosion risk and how these would be funded. A representative from the Environment Agency was also invited to the session to talk about Partnership Funding and Local Levy funding.

3.1.3 Budget Scrutiny

Workshops have now been held which enabled Members of each of the three Policy & Performance Committees to consider relevant items which form part of the 2016/17 budget proposals. Two workshops were scheduled for the Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee and these covered the six budget proposals that are subject to public consultation. The outcomes from all of the workshops have now been included in a single report which will be presented to Coordinating Committee on 16th February.

3.2 SPOTLIGHT SESSION

The Spotlight Session focusing on Birkenhead Town and its immediate environs of strategic importance has now been scheduled for 29th February. The session will be informal and also open to all non-executive Members.

3.3 LIVERPOOL CITY REGION COMBINED AUTHORITY SCRUTINY PANEL – UPDATE

3.3.1 A Scrutiny Review on “Housing” was agreed as the next piece of work to be carried out by the Scrutiny Panel. The scoping meeting was originally scheduled for 27th January but this has now been put back to 10th February due to the availability of presenters.

3.3.2 The Affordable Transport scrutiny review report has now been finalised and has been referred to the Combined Authority for consideration. The report has been included as **Appendix 3**.

3.4 PROGRESS IMPLEMENTING PREVIOUS RECOMMENDATIONS

3.4.1 Car Parking Scrutiny Review

An update on the implementation of the recommendations made from the Car Parking scrutiny review is attached as **Appendix 2** to this report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

N/A

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

N/A

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

N/A

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

N/A

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

This report is for information to Members and there are no direct equality implications.

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APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Regeneration and Environment Policy & Performance Committee Work Programme

Appendix 2 – Car Parking Scrutiny Review – Recommendations Update

Appendix 3 – LCRCA Affordable Transport Scrutiny Review Report

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date