

**Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee
21 September 2016**

REPORT TITLE:	Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee - Work Programme Update
REPORT OF:	The Chair of the Committee

REPORT SUMMARY

This report explains the process of developing and managing the scrutiny work programme for the municipal year. The Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee, in cooperation with the other two Overview & Scrutiny Committees, is responsible for proposing and delivering an annual work programme. This work programme should align with the corporate priorities of the Council, in particular the delivery of the Wirral Plan pledges which are within the remit of the Committee.

The report provides an update regarding progress made since the last Committee meeting held on 18th July. The current 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.

RECOMMENDATION/S

1. Members are requested to approve the proposed Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee work programme for 2016/17, making any required amendments, including suggestions for additional items.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1.0 REASON/S FOR RECOMMENDATION/S

To ensure members of the Business Overview & Scrutiny Committee have the opportunity to contribute to the delivery of the annual work programme.

2.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Not Applicable

3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3.1 PROPOSED ITEMS FOR THE 2016/17 WORK PROGRAMME

At the previous meeting of this Committee, held on 18th July 2016, it was agreed that a dedicated work programme workshop session would be convened. This session was for Members to give consideration to the Committee's work programme prior to the next scheduled Committee meeting on 21st September. The session has now been held and the prospective items for the work programme were identified. These are detailed below.

Item	Format	Timescale	Lead Departmental Officer
Transforming Wirral – Community Safety Business Case	Workshop	Sep	Mark Camborne
Flood Risk Standing Panel (Potential merger with existing flood risk partnership)	Standing Panel	1st meeting October 2016	Mark Camborne
The Number of Councillors	Task & Finish	Oct/Nov	TBC
Modern Slavery Act	Task & Finish	Oct/Nov	TBC
Leisure and Culture Strategy	Committee Report / Presentation	Nov	Clare Fish
Impact of implementation of Universal credit	Committee Report	Nov	TBC
Homelessness	Committee Report	Nov	TBC
Transforming Wirral – Further business cases	Workshops	TBC	TBC
Other Pledge Strategies	Committee Report / Presentation	Nov/Jan/Mar	TBC

3.2 PREVIOUS / CURRENT SCRUTINY REVIEWS – UPDATE

The final report of the Coastal Strategy Scrutiny Review was included on the agenda of the previous Committee meeting held on 18th July 2016. Following agreement by the Committee, the report has now been referred to Cabinet for consideration of the recommendations made. Cabinet’s response to these recommendations will be included in a future Committee work programme report.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Not Applicable

6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: ICT, STAFFING AND ASSETS

The delivery of the scrutiny work programme will be met from within existing resources.

7.0 RELEVANT RISKS

Not Applicable

8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION

Not Applicable

9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

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

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APPENDICES

REFERENCE MATERIAL

SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)

Council Meeting	Date