



POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – 4TH MARCH 2014

SUBJECT: POLICY AND RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND SECTION 151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To report the Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 Forward Work Programmes are essential to ensure that Scrutiny Committee agendas reflect the strategic issues facing the Council and other priorities raised by Members, the public or stakeholders.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 The operation of scrutiny is required by the Local Government Act 2000 and subsequent Assembly legislation.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme identifies reports that are due to be presented to scrutiny during the period February to April 2014 and have followed consultation process which includes key stakeholders and the public.

4.2 The forward work programme is made up of reports which originate from a number of different sources; Cabinet pre-decision scrutiny reports, major consultation exercises, Ombudsman or other regulatory bodies which contain information about the Council's processes or performance, Task and Finish Group reports, budget monitoring reports and certain requests from committee members, members of the public, stakeholders and Council Officers.

4.3 The process for developing scrutiny committee forward work programmes was agreed at Council on 8th October 2013 and involves a six week development cycle as follows:-

- Week 1 & 2 – Draft Forward Work Programmes are developed in consultation with Corporate Management Team.
- Week 3 - Scrutiny Committee Members are asked to comment on the draft FWP.
- Week 4 - The draft FWP is published on the Council website and sent to key Stakeholders inviting comments.

- Week 5 – Scrutiny Leadership Group considers the draft FWP along with consultation responses and agrees the final version.
- Week 6 – Final Forward Work Programmes are published on Council Website.

4.4 For information, the latest Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme is attached at Appendix 1.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no specific equalities implications arising as a result of this report.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no specific financial implications arising as a result of this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no specific personnel implications arising as a result of this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 There are no consultation responses that have not been included in this report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 That Members note the Forward Work Programme.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To improve the operation of scrutiny.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 The Local Government Act 2000.

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Appendices:
Appendix 1 Policy and Resources Scrutiny Committee Forward Work Programme