

<b>SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 8</b>
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## Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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### REVIEW OF 2011/2012 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2011/12 by the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee. To develop a work programme for 2012/13 for the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2011/2012 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and develops a work programme for the forthcoming year.

#### 3. REVIEW OF 2011/12

- 3.1 The Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 23 May 2012. This Committee replaced the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee and will therefore going forward set a work programme to review and scrutinise the delivery of both the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of truly sustainable growth and the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of creating the UK's environment capital.

During the year 2011/2012, the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee considered the following issues:

- Preliminary Flood Risk Assessment
- Call-in - Local Authority Mortgage Scheme
- Facilitating Growth in Peterborough
- Local Development Framework Scrutiny Group – disbanded
- Disposal of Vawser Lodge
- Enterprise Peterborough
- Manor Drive Managed Service
- Planning Policies Development Plan Document
- Draft Housing Strategy and Strategic Tenancy Policy
- Progress on the Delivery of the Growth, Strategic Planning and Economic Development Portfolio
- Opportunity Peterborough – Update Report
- Use of Consultants - Recommendations Monitoring Report
- Draft Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document
- Housing Strategy and Strategic Tenancy Policy
- Annual Human Resources Monitoring Report

- Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan
- Peterborough 'Statement of Community Involvement', Neighbourhood Planning and Community Action Plans
- Complaints Monitoring Report 2010/11
- First interim report on the performance of the SERCO contract
- Consultancy and Interim Policy

During the year 2011/2012, the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee considered the following issues:

- Norwood Lane Caravan Park – Action plan update
- Overview of Environment Capital Programmes/Projects
- Home of Environment Capital Initiative – Progress Report
- Members Waste And Recycling Task And Finish Group – Disbandment
- Biodiversity Strategy – Progress Report 2010 - 2011
- Environment Capital Performance Update
- Energy from Waste
- Environmental Enforcement Performance
- 2012/13 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works (CPW)
- Parking on Grass Verges
- Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2015/16
- The Delivery of Renewable Energy
- Trees and Woodlands Strategy
- Highway Network Management Plan 2011 – 2016

3.2 For the information of the Committee, copies of the recommendations made during the year for both the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee and the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee are attached at Appendix 1.

#### **4. WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13**

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own programme in line with the Council's key priorities and the Committee's remit.

4.2 The Committee's remit is:

1. To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of truly sustainable growth and of creating the UK's environmental capital.

To review and scrutinise the delivery of the underpinning Sustainable Community Strategy theme of value for money. This will include reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in their activities and performance in the delivery of the Single Delivery Plan.

2. Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:

- a. by exercising the right to call-in, for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by the Executive or key decisions which have been delegated to an officer. by scrutinising Key Decisions which the Executive is planning to take, as set out in the Forward Plan
- b. by scrutinising Executive decisions after they have been implemented, as part of a wider policy review.

3. To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:

- Business Efficiency
- Growth

- Planning and Development
- Regeneration
- Strategic Resources
- Environment, Transport & Engineering
- Waste Strategy & Management

4. To exercise the powers of overview and scrutiny with regard to the Council's corporate functions.
5. To receive and consider the Executive's annual budget proposals and make recommendations
6. To exercise the powers of overview and scrutiny with regard to over-arching policy framework documents, seeking the view of other scrutiny committees where appropriate. This will include the Corporate Plan; Sustainable Community Strategy and Single Delivery Plan.
7. To review and scrutinise the Council's performance in relation to budgetary management
8. To assist and advise the Council and the Executive in the development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues in relation to the terms of reference of the committee.
9. Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.
10. Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on behalf of the Committee on a time-limited basis.
11. To consider any appeals from petition organisers who are not satisfied with the outcome of the Council's consideration of their petition.

4.3 A draft work programme which shows the items which are currently scheduled along with items carried over from last year is attached at Appendix 2.

## 5. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

5.1 Minutes of the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee held on 7 June, 29 June, 6 September, 13 October, 8 November 2011 and 10 January, 30 January, and 6 March 2012.

Minutes of the Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee held on 9 June, 14 July, 8 September, 3 November 2011, 19 January, and 22 March 2012.

## 6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2011/2012  
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2012/13

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