

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 9
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REVIEW OF 2012/2013 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2013/14

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2012/13 by the Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee. To develop a work programme for 2013/14 for the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2012/2013 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 2012/13

- 3.1 The Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 23 May 2012. During the year 2012/2013, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Overview of Environment Capital Programmes/Projects
- Sustainable Growth: Introduction, Overview and Work Programme
- Review of 2011/12 and Future Work Programme

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Peterborough – Serco Strategic Partnership Quarterly Performance Report
- Enterprise Peterborough Partnership Performance Report
- Environment Capital Progress Report
- Delivery Strategy For South Bank And Surrounding Areas
- Progress Report on the Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme and Carbon Management Action Plan
- Progress Report from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning, Economic Development, Business Engagement and Environment Capital
- Annual Human Resources Monitoring Report
- Corporate Complaints Annual Monitoring Report 2011/12

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Energy from Waste and Associated Works and Services
- Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL): Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule (PDGS)
- City Centre Development Plan Document
- Flood and Water Management Supplementary Planning Document

- Local council tax support scheme consultation
- Budget 2012/13 and Medium Term Financial Plan
- Affordable Housing Capital Funds Policy
- Peterborough Highways Service Contract 2013 – 2023
- 2013/14 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works (CPW)

Two Call-In Meetings were held to consider the call-in of the following decisions:

1. Executive Decision - Energy From Waste Facility And Associated Works And Services – Aug12/Cmdn/077
2. Executive Decision - Development of Ground Mounted Solar Photovoltaic (Pv) Panels (Solar Farms) and Wind Turbines - NOV12/CAB/134

3.2 For the information of the Committee, copies of the recommendations made during the year by the Committee are attached at Appendix 1.

4. WORK PROGRAMME 2013/14

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 and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee held on 13 June, 12 July, 29 August, 6 September, 8 November, 19 November 2012 and 6 February, 18 March and 20 March 2013.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2012/2013
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2013/14

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