

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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Report of the Director of Governance

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REVIEW OF 2013/2014 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2014/15

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2013/14 by the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee. To approve the draft work programme for 2014/15 for the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2013/2014 year in review and makes recommendations on the future monitoring of these items where necessary.
- 2.2 That the Committee determines its priorities, and approves the work programme for the forthcoming year.

3. REVIEW OF 2013/14

- 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 2013/2014, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Review of 2012/13 and Future Work Programme
- Overview of Environment Capital Programmes/Projects

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Establishment of a Scrutiny Task and Finish Group to Investigate the Benefits of extending 20mph Speed Limits across Residential Areas of Peterborough
- Energy Performance Contract (EnPC)
- Enterprise Peterborough Partnership Performance Progress Report
- Peterborough – Serco Strategic Partnership Performance Report Annual Report
- Energy from Waste Update
- Human Resources Monitoring Report – Six Monthly Progress Report
- Growth Strategy – Report on Progress
- Scrutiny in a Day: Understanding and Managing the Impacts of Welfare Reform on Communities in Peterborough
- Management of Agricultural Estate and Future Proposals
- Blue Sky Update report
- Opportunity Peterborough – Report on Progress
- 20MPH Speed Limit - Scrutiny Task and Finish Group Final Report
- Annual Human Resources Monitoring Report
- Corporate Complaints Annual Monitoring Report 2012/2013
- Growth Delivery Arrangements

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- Household Recycling Centre
- Amey Partnership (formerly Enterprise) KPI's
- Peterborough City Centre Development Plan Document
- Environment Capital Action Plan
- Carbon Emissions Management Action Plan - Annual Update
- 2014/15 Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works (CPW)
- Budget 2014/15 and Medium Term Financial Plan

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

- Call-In of Executive Decision – Passenger Transport – Subsidised Service Provision – JUL13/CAB/059 – July 2013. Outcome – **Called-In and referred back to Cabinet.**
- Call-In of Executive Decision - Update on Proposed Ground Mounted and Wind Developments at Newborough, Morris Fen and America Farm – FEB14/CAB/16 – February 2014. Outcome – **Called in and referred back to Cabinet.**

The following Task and Finish Groups were formed during 2013-2014.

- 20mph Task and Finish Group formed in June 2013, completed review in January 2014
- Task and Finish Group to Review and Develop a Strategy for the Councils Farms Estate – Formed in April 2014

The Committee took part in a Joint Scrutiny in a Day focussing on the Impact of Welfare Reform which was held on 17 January 2014

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 2014/15

4.1 In accordance with the Constitution, the Committee is responsible for setting its own work 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 priority of creating opportunities, tackling inequalities. 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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• 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adult Learning and Skills• Children's Services

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education • Safeguarding Children
4.	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.
5.	Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.
6.	Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on a time-limited basis.
7.	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 12 June, 11 July, 5 September, 15 October, 7 November, and 17 January, 20 January, 10 February, 12 March, 7 April 2014.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2013/2014
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2014/15

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