

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH AND ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 8
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REVIEW OF 2014/2015 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2015/16

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2014/15 by the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee. To approve the draft work programme for 2015/16 for the Sustainable Growth and Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2014/2015 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 2014/15

- 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 2014/2015, the Committee considered the following issues:

Information / Update

- Review of 2014/15 and Future Work Programme

Monitoring / Calling to Account

- Peterborough – Serco Strategic Partnership Performance Annual Report
- Wind and Solar Farm Working Group Report
- Amey Annual Partnership Report
- Green Leases – Discussion Paper
- Opportunity Peterborough Annual Progress Report including Draft Economic Action Plan
- 20MPH Speed Limit - Scrutiny Task and Finish Group Final Report
- Annual Human Resources Monitoring Report
- Corporate Complaints Annual Monitoring Report 2013/2014
- Carbon Emissions Management Action Plan - Annual Update
- Progress Report from the Cabinet Member for Growth, Strategic Planning, Housing, Economic Development and Business Engagement
- Portfolio Progress Report from the Cabinet Member for Communities and Environment Capital
- Scrutiny Task and Finish Group for Council Farms Estate Strategy - Terms of Reference
- ICT Strategy

- Brown Bins Review
- Council Farms Estate Strategy – Report of Task and Finish Group
- Skanska Annual Monitoring Report
- Asset Disposals 2014/15
- Report on the Impact of Subsidised Bus Services Cuts

Policy / Plans / Consultation

- The Draft Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document
- Initial Draft Peterborough Economic Action Plan
- Draft Peterborough Flood Risk Management Strategy
- Local Transport Plan Programme of Works 2015/16
- Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan – Phase One
- Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Plan – Phase Two

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

- 2 December 2014 - Call-in of Executive Decision: Council Tax Support Scheme 2015/16 Consultation – NOT CALLED IN
- 3 February 2015 - Call-in of Executive Decision – Strategic Partnership between Peterborough City Council and AVIC Corporation (UK) Ltd – JAN15/CAB/07 – NOT CALLED IN
- 16 February 2015 – Call-in of Executive Decision – Junction 17 - 2 Fletton Parkway Widening, Contamination and Drainage Issues - JAN15/CAB/11 – NOT CALLED IN

The following Task and Finish Group was formed during 2014-2015.

- Task and Finish Group to Review and Develop a Strategy for the Councils Farms Estate – Formed in April 2014 and concluded in March 2015.

The Committee took part in the following joint Scrutiny Committees:

- Joint Scrutiny of the Budget on 3 December 2014 and 9 February 2015
- Joint Scrutiny in a Day – Focus on the Impact of Welfare Reform – One Year On – 24 February 2015

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 2015/16

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.	<p>To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priorities of truly sustainable growth and of creating the UK's environmental capital.</p> <p>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.</p>
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2.	<p>Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:</p> <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.	<p>To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 17 July, 4 September, 16 October, 6 November, 2 December, 3 December 2014 and 13 January, 3 February, 9 February, 16 February, 17 March 2015.

6. Appendices

- 6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2014/2015
- Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2015/16