

<b>ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 7</b>
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## Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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### REVIEW OF 2009/2010 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2010/11

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2009/10 and to develop a work programme for 2010/11.

#### 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2009/2010 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 2009/10

- 3.1 The Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Bus Service Review
- Christmas Park and Ride
- Draft Local Transport Plan Capital Programme
- Environmental Enforcement and Education
- Floods and Water Management Bill
- Progress on the Delivery of the LAA Priority
- Progress on the Environment Capital Portfolio
- Refresh of the Local Area Agreement
- Response to Adverse Weather Conditions
- Review of the Biodiversity Strategy
- Scrutiny of the Budget and Medium Term Financial Plan

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

#### 4. WORK PROGRAMME 2010/11

- 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:

- (a) To review and scrutinise the delivery of the Sustainable Community Strategy priority of creating the UK's environment capital. This will include reviewing and scrutinising the performance of other public bodies in their activities and performance in the

delivery of Local Area Agreement targets.

- (b) Hold the Executive to account for the discharge of functions in the following ways:
- 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
- (c) To review and scrutinise the planning, decisions, policy development, service provision and performance relating to the following service areas:
- Environment, Transport and Engineering
  - Waste Strategy and Management
- (d) 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.

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 Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee held on 16 July, 17 September, 12 November 2009 and 6 January, 14 January, 15 February, 23 February and 11 March 2010.

## **6. Appendices**

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2009/2010  
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2010/11