

SUSTAINABLE GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	Agenda Item No. 6
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Report of the Solicitor to the Council

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REVIEW OF 2010/2011 AND WORK PROGRAMME FOR 2011/12

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To provide the Committee with a review of the work undertaken during 2010/11 and to develop a work programme for 2011/12.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the 2010/2011 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 2010/11

- 3.1 The Sustainable Growth Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2010/2011, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Peterborough City Services – Update on Lot 3: Various Operational Services
- Cessation of Comprehensive Area Assessment
- Developing the Environment Capital Policy
- Scrutiny Big Debate – The Effects on Peterborough of the Economic Downturn -Issues Paper
- Progress on the Delivery of the Growth, Strategic Planning and Economic Development Portfolio (Councillor Cereste)
- Census 2011
- Budget 2011/12 and Medium Financial Strategy to 2015/16 (Joint Meeting of Committees/Commissions)
- Review of the Use of Consultants
- Affordable Housing: Revised Council Policy for Awarding Grants
- Annual Human Resources Monitoring Report
- Local Transport Plan 3 (Joint meeting with Rural Commission)
- Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works (Joint meeting with Rural Commission)
- Peterborough Local Investment Plan
- Building of Executive Family Homes
- City Centre Area Action Plan
- Complaints Monitoring Report 2009/10

- 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 truly sustainable growth. 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.

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.

- 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:
- Business Efficiency
 - Growth
 - Planning and Development
 - Regeneration
 - Strategic Resources
- d) To exercise the powers of overview and scrutiny with regard to the Council's corporate functions.
- e) To receive and consider the Executive's annual budget proposals and make recommendations.
- f) 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.
- g) To review and scrutinise the Council's performance in relation to budgetary management.
- h) 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.
- i) Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.
- j) Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on behalf of the Committee on a time-limited basis.

k) 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 20 July, 14 September, 9 November, 2009 and 6 January, 2 February, 28 February, 15 March and 23 March 2011.

6. Appendices

6.1 Appendix 1 - Responses to recommendations made during 2010/2011
Appendix 2 – Draft Work Programme 2011/12

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