

<b>ENVIRONMENT CAPITAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 6</b>
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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 Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee was established by Council at its annual meeting on 18 May 2009. During the year 2010/11, the Committee considered the following issues:

- Tree Pollarding Programme
- Developing the Environment Capital Policy
- Carbon Reduction Commitment Scheme
- Revised Biodiversity Strategy
- Christmas Park and Ride
- Scrutiny Big Debate – Affects of the Economic Downturn and delivery of the sustainable transport elements of the Local Transport Plan.
- Progress on the Environment Capital and Launch of the Home of Environment Capital Initiative
- Biodiversity Strategy Progress Report 2009-10
- Norwood Lane and the Paston Travellers Site
- Trees and Woodland Strategy
- Play Facilities, Playing Fields and Open Spaces
- Review of the Impact of the Charge for Bulky Waste Collection
- Budget 2011/12 and Medium Term Financial Plan to 2015/16
- Review of the Impact of the Bus Service Review
- Criteria for Resurfacing Footpaths
- Long Term Transport Strategy and Local Transport Plan 3
- Local Transport Plan Capital Programme of Works
- Update on the Council's Carbon Reduction Commitment and Carbon Management Action Plan
- Neighbourhood Services Working to Improve the Environment

- 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 the Single Delivery Plan 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.
  - (e) Make recommendations to the Executive and/or Council arising from overview and scrutiny activity.
  - (f) Establish ad-hoc Task and Finish Groups to investigate specific topics on behalf of the Committee on a time-limited basis.
  - (g) 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 Environment Capital Scrutiny Committee held on 10 June, 15 July, 9 September, 4 November 2010 and 6 January, 20 January, 15 February, 28 February and 10 March 2011.

#### **6. Appendices**

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