Meeting: OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE (PERFORMANCE & CORPORATE SERVICES)

Date of Meeting: 17 FEBRUARY 2009

Title of Report: WORK PROGRAMME - KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN 1ST FEBRUARY TO 31ST MAY 2009.

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This report contains	Yes	No
CONFIDENTIAL Information/		√
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Is the decision on this report **DELEGATED**?	√	

Purpose of Report

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the latest Key Decision Forward Plan and to update the Committee on its Work Programme.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A; and

2. That the Committee approves the progress and actions of the Equality of Access to Services Working Group taken to date.

Corporate Objective Monitoring

Corporate Objective		Positive Impact	Neutral Impact	Negative Impact
1.	Creating a Learning Community		√	
2.	Creating Safe Communities	√		
3.	Jobs and Prosperity		√	
4.	Improving Health and Well-Being		√	
5.	Environmental Sustainability		√	
6.	Creating Inclusive Communities	√		
7.	Improving the Quality of Council Services and Strengthening local Democracy	√		
8.	Children and Young People		√	

Financial Implications

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	**2008/ 2009 £**	**2009/ 2010 £**	**2010/ 2011 £**	**2011 2012 £**
Gross Increase in Capital Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton Capital Resources				
Specific Capital Resources				
REVENUE IMPLICATIONS				
Gross Increase in Revenue Expenditure				
Funded by:				
Sefton funded Resources				
Funded from External Resources				
Does the External Funding have an expiry date? Y/N		When?		
How will the service be funded post expiry?				

There are no financial implications arising out of this report.

Departments Consulted in the preparation of this Report

None

List of Background Papers relied upon in the preparation of this Report

None

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1. PRE - SCRUTINY - PRIOR CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS BEFORE THEY GO TO CABINET

1.1 Members may request to pre-scrutinise items from the Key Decision Forward Plan. Such items must fall under the remit (Terms of Reference) of this Committee. The latest Forward Plan is attached at **Appendix A** for this purpose. The pre-scrutiny process assists the Cabinet and Cabinet Members to make effective decisions by examining issues beforehand and making recommendations prior to a determination being made.

1.2 For ease of identification, items listed on the Forward Plan for the first time appear as shaded. (There are 15 new items on the current Plan).

1.3 At the last meeting of the Committee on 16 December 2008, Members considered that those Key Decisions which fall under the remit of this Committee should be highlighted in some way, due to the increase in the number of Key Decisions now appearing on the Forward Plan. There were doubts concerning whether every Key Decision which is to be taken by the Cabinet should fall under the remit of this Committee.

1.4 The matter has now been referred to the Overview & Scrutiny Management Board and should be determined on 24th February 2009.

1.5 The next Forward Plan for the period 1st March – 30th June 2009 will be published on Wednesday 11th February 2009, and this will be circulated for the consideration of the Committee in due course.

1.6 **The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.**

2. UPDATE ON CURRENT WORKING GROUPS

2.1 At the time of drafting this report a meeting of the Equality of Access to Services Working Group has been scheduled to be held on 12th February 2009, and any developments arising from that meeting will be reported verbally to the Committee.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A; and

3.2. That the Committee approves the progress and actions of the Equality of Access to Services Working Group taken to date.