
Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 20 September 2011
(Regeneration and Environmental Services)

Subject: Key Decision Forward Plan - 1 September 2011 to 31 December 2011

Report of: Director of Corporate Commissioning

Wards Affected: All

Is this a Key Decision? No

Is it included in the Forward Plan? No

Exempt/Confidential

No

Purpose/Summary

To submit to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee the latest Key Decision Forward Plan.

Recommendation(s)

1. That the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
2. That the Committee nominate a Member to sit on the "Port Master Plan" Working Group; and
3. That consideration be given to deferring the Rimrose Valley Working Group until the findings of the Port Master Plan Working Group have been drafted.

How does the decision contribute to the Council's Corporate Objectives?

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

Reasons for the Recommendation:

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.

Other decisions are required to enable the Committee to effectively carry out its overview and scrutiny role in health related matters.

What will it cost and how will it be financed? N / A

(A) Revenue Costs N/A

(B) Capital Costs N/A

Implications: N/A

The following implications of this proposal have been considered and where there are specific implications, these are set out below:

Legal		
Human Resources		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Equality Implications identified and mitigated	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Equality Implication identified and risk remains	<input type="checkbox"/>

Impact on Service Delivery: N/A

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

The Head of Corporate Finance and ICT has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no financial implications. **FD968 /2011**

Are there any other options available for consideration?

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no legal implications. **LD320/11**

Implementation Date for the Decision N/A

Immediately following the Committee meeting.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

Introduction/Background

1. Pre-Scrutiny – Prior Consideration of Reports Before they are Submitted 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.
- 1.2 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.
- 1.3 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board has requested that only those key decisions that fall under the remit of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be included on the agenda for consideration.
- 1.4 ***The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the attached Key Decision Forward Plan.***

2. Rimrose Valley Working Group

- 2.1 The Committee began a review of the Rimrose Valley in the last Municipal Year. This Working Group met three times in 2010/11 and at the meeting held on 16th March 2011 it was proposed that a request to continue this review in 2011/12 would be put forward to the first available meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Environmental Services). The following Members have been appointed as Members of the Working Group:-

Councillor K. Cluskey (Lead Member)
Councillor Papworth
Councillor Welsh

- 2.2 In light of the proposal to set up a cross-cutting working group on the Port Master Plan (paragraph 3 below). Members maybe minded to defer the Rimrose Valley Working Group until the Port Master Plan Working Group have carried out there review.

3. Overview and Scrutiny Management Board

- 3.1 At its meeting on 30th August 2011, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board, proposed the establishment of a cross-cutting working group on the Port Master Plan.

The following issues to be included were:-

- Inclusion of the Port Access study (Department of Transport Document)
- Peel Holdings (at docks)
- Access could be affected
- Economic benefits
- Rimrose Valley could be impacted.

The Committee is requested to support the establishment of a cross-cutting working group on the Port Master Plan and to nominate a Member to sit on this.

4. Future Topics For Review – Work Plan 2011/2012

- 4.1 Paragraph 2 above refers to the the Rimrose Valley Working Group and the brief to investigate the future sustainable use of that area.
- 4.2 This Committee has been active in promoting the use of mini reviews/single item meetings which has benefited the Council by being more productive and adding value with reduced resources. The Committee will continue to operate in this way.
- 4.3 Members may wish to give consideration, as to topics for review in line with the Committee's terms of reference. Committees are required to undertake no more than two in-depth reviews per year. However it is also recommended that Committee's retain capacity to allow for any urgent pieces of work that maybe required of them.
- 4.4 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board suggested the possibility of setting up a Working Group to examine Public Transport to include:-
 - Bus services and cancellation of certain ARRIVA services
 - Impact on the public
 - Integrated Transport Plan.
- 4.5 The Head of Governance and Civic Services has recommended that each Overview and Scrutiny Committee set up no more than one Working Group.

5. Financial Implications – Rimrose Valley Working Group

- 5.1 The head of Corporate Finance and ICT has no comments on this report. Any proposals relating to the future use of the Rimrose Valley will need to be subject to a full financial appraisal should the proposals require any capital or revenue funding by the Council.