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**Report to:** Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 17 January 2012  
(Regeneration and Environmental Services)

**Subject:** Key Decision Forward Plan - 1 January 2011 to 30 April 2012

**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

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### **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; and
2. That the Committee accept current progress of the "Port Master Plan" Working Group.

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

	<b><u>Corporate Objective</u></b>	<b><u>Positive Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Neutral Impact</u></b>	<b><u>Negative Impact</u></b>
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:

<b>Legal</b>	
<b>Human Resources</b>	
<b>Equality</b>	
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. (FD1261/11)

**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. (LD 632/12)

**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. Port Master Plan Working Group**

- 2.1 At its meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> 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.
- 2.2 Working Group Members have met and scoped the review. Members of the Working Group were invited to attend a briefing session on the outcome of the Port Access Study on 7 December 2011.
- 2.3 Members are keen to invite various key witnesses to give evidence with regards concerns about transportation of containers etc through the city on large vehicles and the consequences this could have in relation to pollution and health. Members are keen to understand reasons why rail is not being used for such transportation to Garston, as was promised some years ago.
- 2.4 The Working Group envisages to increase its momentum in the New Year, 2012 with an interim report being produced in March 2012.
- 2.5 Any further information/progress will be reported verbally at the Meeting.
- 2.6 ***The Committee is requested to accept progress, to date, of the Port Master Plan Working Group.***

### **3.0 Ageing Population – Development Session**

- 3.1 Sefton MBC was successful in an application to receive some training from the Centre for Public Scrutiny in relation to our ageing society. The purpose of the development sessions will be to explore the impact of the ageing society and develop Overview and Scrutiny Members awareness of the impending challenges with regards the ageing population.
- 3.2 At the time of writing this report, one of the two development sessions had taken place. Committee Members will be updated on the outcome of the sessions at the Meeting.