
Report to: Overview and Scrutiny Committee **Date of Meeting:** 19 March 2013
(Regeneration & Environmental Services)

Subject: Key Decision Forward Plan 1 April to 31 July 2013

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;
2. That progress, to date, of the Economic Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group be accepted;
3. That the Committee be requested to agree the continuation of the Economic Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group into the Municipal Year 2013/14 in order that it may complete it's work, as detailed in the scoping document, ensuring continuity in membership, wherever possible.
4. That progress, to date, of the NEETS (Not in Employment, Education or Training) Working Group be approved.

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.

Any work programme topics should be chosen to demonstrate that the work scrutiny undertakes adds value to the Council.

What will it cost and how will it be financed? 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: There are no legal implications arising from the contents of this report		
Human Resources		
Equality		
1.	No Equality Implication	<input checked="" 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 direct financial implications (FD:2182/13)

The Head of Corporate Legal Services has no comments on this report because the contents of the report have no legal implications (LD 1498/13:).

Are there any other options available for consideration? N/A

Implementation Date for the Decision N/A

Immediately following the Committee.

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Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 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 current 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.
- 1.3 If Members require further information in relation to any item on the Key Decision Forward Plan please contact the Officer named in the plan before the Meeting.
- 1.4 ***The Committee is invited to consider items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan.***

2. Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group

- 2.1 The above Working Group has met on several occasions. It has made good progress on gathering information and has interviewed the following witnesses:-
 - Representative from Sefton at Work;
 - Troubled Families Coordinator;
 - Senior Officer for 14-19 Strategy and Management;
 - Job Centre Plus;
 - Skills Funding Agency;
 - Hugh Baird College; and
 - Work Based Learning Providers
- 2.2 The Working Group will not complete all elements of the review within the Municipal Year 2012/13 and so therefore agreement is sought to continue the review into the Municipal Year 2013/14.
- 2.3 An interim report features elsewhere on the Agenda.
- 2.4 Councillor McKinley is invited to update Members on the progress of the Group.
- 2.5 The Committee will be updated regularly on progress of the Group.
- 2.6 ***The Committee is requested to approve progress, to date, of the Employment Development and Development of Local Town Centres and Economies Working Group and agree to extend the review into the Municipal Year 2013/14.***

3. NEET (Not in Education, Employment or Training) Working Group

- 3.1 The Working Group has completed its review and the Final Report features elsewhere on the Agenda for this Committee to approve.