

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

Date of Meeting: 15 December 2009

Title of Report: WORK PROGRAMME - KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN
1 DECEMBER 2009 TO 31 MARCH 2010

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This report contains	Yes	No
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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: That

1. the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
2. progress in relation to the Equalities Working Group be received; and
3. progress in relation to the Perceptions of Crime Working Group be received.

Corporate Objective Monitoring

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

	2008/ 2009 £	2009/ 2010 £	2010/ 2011 £	2011 2012 £
<i>CAPITAL EXPENDITURE</i>				
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

- Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services) held on 6 October 2009.

- Minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member – Corporate Services of 14 October 2009.

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

2. UPDATE ON WORKING GROUPS

2.1 Equalities Working Group

- 2.1.1 To assist member and staff development, Councillors Byrne and Papworth and Ruth Appleby, O&S Officer, attended the Annual Northwest Equality Conference 2009, themed, 'Diversity is what we have in common', in Liverpool on 11 November 2009. The (2nd Annual) conference.

Ranvir Singh, (presenter on BBC North West Tonight) was compere at the conference; and speakers included:

- Alan Christie, Policy Director, Equality and Human Rights Commission, speaking about the 'New Agenda for Equality';
- Evelyn Asante-Mensah, North West Regional Agency, on the launch of the Women and Work Taskforce;
- Liz Meek, Regional Director, Government Office Northwest, who spoke about regional progress on Equalities over the past year; and
- Simon Nokes, Executive Director of Policy and Planning, Northwest Regional Development Agency, on Equality as a key theme in the new regional strategy.

The conference was useful in raising awareness of issues and work currently being undertaken in Equality and Diversity in the region; of equality challenges faced in the Northwest and for meeting delegates from other agencies in the region.

- 2.1.2 The Equalities Working Group held its second meeting on 30 November 2009. The meeting was attended by Andy Woods, (Sefton CVS Equalities Partnership), who advised Members on Sefton Council's role in achieving the Equalities Standard/Framework for Local Government in partnership with our

Local Area Partners and the importance of implementing Equalities Impact Assessments to help us achieve 'Excellent' standard.

2.2 Perceptions of Crime Working Group

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances the meeting scheduled to take place On 1 December 2009 was cancelled, a further meeting is to be arranged to take place as soon as possible.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
- 3.3 progress in relation to the Equalities Working Group be received; and
- 3.4 progress in relation to the Perceptions of Crime Working Group be received.