

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

Date of Meeting: 16 FEBRUARY 2010

Title of Report: WORK PROGRAMME - KEY DECISION FORWARD PLAN
1 FEBRUARY 2010 TO 31 MAY 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;
3. progress in relation to the Perceptions of Crime Working Group be received;
4. that the establishment of a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, comprised of the four Overview & Scrutiny Chairs, be supported; and
5. that Sefton's successful bid to become a Scrutiny Development Area, to assist in addressing health inequalities within the local community, be recognised.

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

None.

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 At its meeting on 12 January 2010, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board requested that only those Key Decisions which fall under the remit of each Overview and Scrutiny Committee should be included on the Agenda for Consideration
- 1.4 The relevant Key Decisions are attached for consideration.

2. UPDATE ON WORKING GROUPS

2.1 Equalities Working Group

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on 3 February 2010 and issues arising from this meeting will be reported back to the next meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Performance and Corporate Services).

2.2 Perceptions of Crime Working Group

A verbal update will be provided at the meeting.

3. HEALTH INEQUALITIES & SCRUTINY

A. Cross-Cutting Working Group

The Overview & Scrutiny Management Board has recently established a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, membership comprised of the four O&S Chairs.

Developments will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

B. Scrutiny Development Area

Prior to Christmas 2009, the Centre for Public Scrutiny invited local authorities to bid for Scrutiny Development Area status. The intention being to raise the profile of overview & scrutiny as a tool to promote community well-being and assist councils and their partners in addressing health inequalities within their local community.

Sefton Council has submitted a bid which has been **successful**.

Funding for successful bids will attract a maximum of £5,000 for costs incurred over and above the usual scrutiny support that the local authority provides.

An Expert Advisor will also be placed with each of the successful pilots to help develop the review.

Developments will be reported back to the Committee in due course.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 the Committee considers items for pre-scrutiny from the Key Decision Forward Plan attached as Appendix A;
- 4.2 progress in relation to the Equalities Working Group be received;
- 4.3 progress in relation to the Perceptions of Crime Working Group be received;
- 4.4 that the establishment of a cross-cutting Working Group, to scrutinise health inequalities within the Borough, comprised of the four Overview & Scrutiny Chairs, be supported; and
- 4.5 that Sefton's successful bid to become a Scrutiny Development Area, to assist in addressing health inequalities within the local community, be recognised.