



Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 30th November 2016

Report of: Policy & Improvement Officer

Subject: Work Programme 2016/17

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A work programme for 2016/17 is attached at Appendix 1 for the Committee's consideration and discussion.

The aim is to focus the work programme on a small number of issues, in depth. This means that the Committee should prioritise which issues will be included on formal meeting agendas. In doing this, the Committee may wish to reflect on the prioritisation principles attached at Appendix 3 to ensure that scrutiny activity is focussed where it can add most value. Appendix 2 provides a log of the issues looked at in 2014/16 & 2015/16

Where an issue is not appropriate for inclusion on a meeting agenda, but there is significant interest from members, the Committee can choose to request a written briefing.

The work programme remains a live document and will be shared / discussed at each committee meeting.

The Scrutiny Committee is being asked to:

- Consider and discuss the committees work programme for 2016/17
- Provide comment / feedback on the draft work programme
- Identify priority topics for inclusion in the work programme

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Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee

Work Programme 2016/17

Last updated: 14th October 2016

Please note: the work programme is a live document and so is subject to change.

Possible Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Contact	Proposed scrutiny style	Priority
Agenda item	27th July 2016			
<i>Sheffield Bus Partnership (SBP) review</i>	<i>This is the SBP scheduled review report to the SCR Combined Authority Transport Committee that this Committee asked to see following the buses agenda item March 2016</i>	<i>Representatives of Sheffield Bus Partnership</i>	<i>One-off agenda item</i>	
<i>Draft Work Programme</i>	<i>Committee to agree work programme 2016/17 – within framework of selecting scrutiny topics & remit</i>	<i>Policy & Improvement Officer</i>	<i>ongoing agenda item</i>	
<i>Bus Services Bill – briefing</i>	<i>An early look at the headlines of the Bus Services Bill introduced into the House of Lords on 20th May 2016 – legislation and regulations that are integral to devolution deals and powers for Combined Authority Mayors expected to be elected May 2017</i>	<i>For information – no attendees</i>	<i>Initial Briefing - to be followed up in depth once on the statute books and how Combined Authority can make best use of the powers</i>	

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Wednesday 26th October 5-8pm				
<i>Business Rates</i>	<i>A look at government policy agenda; implications and shape in Sheffield of Business Rates; revaluation applicable from April 2017; next steps in Sheffield</i>	<i>Laurie Brennan, Acting Head of Policy & Improvement; Mike Thomas, Strategic Finance;</i>	<i>One off agenda item</i>	
<i>Inclusive Growth</i>	<i>An update on RSA Inclusive Growth Commission emerging findings - pre information item to a deeper look at Inclusive Growth in Sheffield at a later date</i>	<i>Laurie Brennan, Acting Head of Policy & Improvement</i>	<i>update/briefing item - to be followed at a later date buy in depth consideration</i>	
<i>Work Programme 2016/17</i>	<i>To consider and discuss the committees work programme for 2016/17</i>	<i>Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer</i>	<i>Standard Agenda Item</i>	
Wednesday 30th November 5-8pm				
<i>Protecting Sheffield from flooding</i>	<p>To receive a presentation by Jim Fletcher, Flood and Water Management. Also attending Cllr Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member, Environment.</p> <p>To hear from the following organisations in connection with protecting Sheffield from Flooding: A) Yorkshire Water - Head of Asset Strategy; B) Moors for the Future Partnership - represented by John Scot Director of Conservation and Planning, Peak District National Park; C) Sheffield & Rotherham Wildlife Trust - Liz Ballard, Chief Executive and Nicky Rivers.</p>	<i>Presentation - Jim Fletcher, Flood and Water Management, Place; Yorkshire Water - statement; Moors for the Future - Natural Flood Management - an appraisal of current evidence and summary slidepack; Wildlife Trust - Briefing Note</i>	<i>single agenda item</i>	
<i>Economic Landscape Task Group draft scope</i>	<i>To consider and agree scope for the task group topic</i>	<i>Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer</i>	<i>Agenda Item</i>	

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Work Programme 2016/17	To consider and discuss the committees work programme for 2016/17	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Standard Agenda Item	
Wednesday 25th January 5-8pm				
Sheffield Trees and Woodland Strategy	overview of responses to consultation (closes 01.12.2016); overview of strategy and how that might change following consultation	Lead officer - Chris Heeley, Head of Countryside and Environment; Cabinet Member	one-off agenda item	
Brexit	Policy briefing - impact in Sheffield - activity & briefings from SCC, SCR etc...government policy and repeal bill	TBC	single agenda item	
Work Programme 2016/17	To consider the Committee's work programme 2016/17	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Standard Agenda Item	
Wednesday 22nd February 5-8pm				
Economic Landscape - evidence session - business needs	A parliamentary select committee style evidence gathering session on business needs	Development businesses in the Sheffield area	Agenda Item	
Work Programme 2016/17	To consider and discuss the committees work programme for 2016/17	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Standard Agenda Item	
Wednesday 26th April 5-8pm				
Bus Services Bill – part 2	An in depth follow up once on the statute books and how Combined Authority can make best use of the powers	SYPT, SCR CA, Sheffield Bus Partnership	in depth agenda item	
Economic Landscape Task Group draft report	To consider draft task group report	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Agenda Item	
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Task Group				
Economic Landscape	A task group topic item 2016/17 - Multi approach of business needs, city's economic role in SCR: Scope and sub-group membership agreed November; Inception meet x1 (Jan) and topic briefing; calls for evidence sessions x2 (Feb) wrap up/recommendations meet x1 (Feb/Mar) report to full Committee (Apr)	TBC - Sheffield City Region, Creative Sheffield, Executive Director, Place and external calls for evidence, including development companies	<i>Part year Task Group & call for evidence: Jan-17</i>	
Future items to be scheduled - scope and when to be determined				
Chinese Investment Deal				
Sheffield Retail Quarter – key decisions and announcements – update Jan/Feb				
Update on Business Rates	April or May 2017: Technical consultation out - December	Laurie Brennan, Acting Head of Policy & Improvement; Mike Thomas, Strategic Finance; Cabinet Member - Ben Curran		for information
Waste Management	On the horizon item	TBC		

Sheffield Council Scrutiny Selecting Scrutiny topics

This tool is designed to assist the Scrutiny Committees focus on the topics most appropriate for their scrutiny.

- **P**ublic Interest
The concerns of local people should influence the issues chosen for scrutiny;
- **A**bility to Change / Impact
Priority should be given to issues that the Committee can realistically have an impact on, and that will influence decision makers;
- **P**erformance
Priority should be given to the areas in which the Council, and other organisations (public or private) are not performing well;
- **E**xtent
Priority should be given to issues that are relevant to all or large parts of the city (geographical or communities of interest);
- **R**eplication / other approaches
Work programmes must take account of what else is happening (or has happened) in the areas being considered to avoid duplication or wasted effort. Alternatively, could another body, agency, or approach (e.g. briefing paper) more appropriately deal with the topic

Other influencing factors

- **Cross-party** - There is the potential to reach cross-party agreement on a report and recommendations.
- **Resources**. Members with the Policy & Improvement Officer can complete the work needed in a reasonable time to achieve the required outcome