



## Report to Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee 25th January 2017

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**Report of:** Policy & Improvement Officer

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**Subject:** Work Programme 2016/17

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

The work programme has been updated to accommodate agenda items and the meetings remaining for 2016/17. To prioritise or update further the work programme 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 committee's remaining work programme for 2016/17
- Provide comment / feedback/agree the updated work programme
- Note any future implications for meetings schedule in regard a timeline for a task and finish cross party working group

**Category of Report:** OPEN



**Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee**  
**Work Programme 2016/17**

**Last updated:** 16<sup>th</sup> January 2017

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

Topic	Reasons for selecting topic	Key contacts	Proposed scrutiny style
<b>Wednesday 27th July 5-8pm</b>			
Sheffield Bus Partnership (SBP) review	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	Representatives of Sheffield Bus Partnership	One-off agenda item
Draft Work Programme	Committee to agree work programme 2016/17 – within framework of selecting scrutiny topics & remit	Policy & Improvement Officer	ongoing agenda item
Bus Services Bill – briefing	An early look at the headlines of the Bus Services Bill introduced into the House of Lords on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2016 – legislation and regulations that are integral to devolution deals and powers for Combined Authority Mayors expected to be elected May 2017	For information – no attendees	Initial Briefing - to be followed up in depth once on the statute books and how Combined Authority can make best use of the powers

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Wednesday 26th October 5-8pm	agenda - economic focus		
Business Rates	A look at government policy agenda; implications and shape in Sheffield of Business Rates; revaluation applicable from April 2017; next steps in Sheffield	Laurie Brennan, Acting Head of Policy & Improvement; Mike Thomas, Strategic Finance;	One off agenda item
Inclusive Growth	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	Laurie Brennan, Acting Head of Policy & Improvement	update/briefing item - to be followed at a later date buy in depth consideration
Work Programme 2016/17	To consider and discuss the committees work programme for 2016/17	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Standard Agenda Item
Wednesday 30th November 5-8pm			
Protecting Sheffield from flooding	To receive a presentation by Jim Fletcher, Flood and Water Management. Also attending Cllr Bryan Lodge, Cabinet Member, and Environment. 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.	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	single agenda item

Economic Landscape Task Group draft scope	To consider and agree scope for the task group topic	Report of Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Agenda Item
Work Programme 2016/17	To consider and discuss the committees work programme for 2016/17	Report of Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Standard Agenda Item
<b>Thursday 15th December 2:30 - 4:30 pm</b>			
<b>Special (Call In)</b>			
Call In of Cabinet Decision: China Economic and Civic Programme Update	To consider two Call In notices in respect of this Decision of Cabinet 30th November 2016; and a petition requesting the Council to save Central Library	Cllr Jack Scott; Cllr Leigh Bramall; Dawn Shaw; Edward Highfield. (unable to attend - Jackie Drayton; apologies - Cllr Mary Lea)	Special agenda
<b>Wednesday 25th January 5-8pm</b>			
Implications for Sheffield of the vote to leave the European Union (commonly referred to as Brexit)	To receive a policy brief presentation from Laurie Brennan, Acting Head of Policy and Improvement, Sheffield City Council  With further contributions from Sheffield Chamber of Commerce and Industry	Lead Cabinet Member - Leigh Bramall, Lead Officer - Laurie Brennan	agenda item
Western Road First World War Memorial task and finish cross party working group (committee group)	In response to Council on 4th January referring a petition to a cross party working group of Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee	Report of Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	agenda item
Work Programme 2016/17	To consider an update on the Committee's work programme 2016/17	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	Standard Agenda Item

<b>Wednesday 22nd February 5-8pm</b>			
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
<b>Wednesday 26th April 5-8pm</b>			
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	SYPTe, SCR CA, Sheffield Bus Partnership	in depth agenda item
Sheffield Retail Quarter – key decisions and announcements – update Jan/Feb	Update on key decisions and announcements - defer to <b>April 2017</b>	Lead Cabinet member - Leigh Bramall, Lead officer - Nalin Seneviratne	Agenda item
Economic Landscape Task Group draft report	To consider draft task group report	Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	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

Task Group			
Western Road First World War Memorial task and finish cross party working group (committee group)	In response to Council on 4th January referring a petition to a cross party working group of Economic and Environmental Wellbeing Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee – Scope and committee group membership confirmed January; meetings with stakeholders <b>(Feb)</b> wrap up/recommendations meet x1 <b>(Mar)</b> report to full Committee <b>(April or a revised date in March)</b>	Report of Alice Nicholson - Policy & Improvement Officer	agenda item
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 <b>(Feb)</b> and topic briefing; calls for evidence sessions x2 <b>(Feb/Mar)</b> wrap up/recommendations meet x1 <b>(Mar/Apr)</b> report to full Committee <b>(Apr)</b> - timetable updated	TBC - Sheffield City Region, Creative Sheffield, Executive Director, Place and external calls for evidence, potential development companies - Finnegan, Henry Boot, Dransfield	<i>Part year Task Group &amp; call for evidence: <b>Feb-17</b></i>
<b>Future items to be scheduled - scope and when to be determined</b>			
Green Commission Report	To consider how the Green Commission report is/will be progressed - <b>report to Cabinet due 15th March 2017</b>	Lead Cabinet members - Bryan Lodge and Mazhar Iqbal;	One-off agenda item
Chinese Investment Deal	Scope of item to be determined and date TBC	Lead Cabinet Member - Leigh Bramall; Lead Officer - Edward Highfield	Agenda item

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
DEFFERED - Sheffield Trees and Woodland Strategy – Consultation close put back to 16th December – new date TBC	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	
Waste Management	On the horizon item - <b>Waste Services Review and Waste Management Policies to Cabinet 18/01/2017</b>		





## 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