

BUDGET AND PERFORMANCE PANEL

Work Programme Report 7th September 2010

Report of Head of Democratic Services

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To update Members regarding the Panel's Work Programme.

This report is public

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That Members consider whether to include the referral from Cabinet in the Panel's Work Programme.
- (2) That Members note the items to be carried forward for consideration at future meetings, as detailed in Appendix A to the report.

1.0 Introduction

This report provides Members with a recommendation for inclusion in the Panel's Work Programme and advises regarding upcoming items for consideration and work in progress.

2.0 Report

2.1 Referral from Cabinet

At its meeting on 27th July 2010, Cabinet requested that Budget and Performance Panel include a review of the Housing Revenue Account responsive repairs overspending within their Work Programme for 2010/11.

Members are requested to consider whether to add this referral to the Panel's Work Programme.

2.2 Upcoming Items

- Report from the Chair of the Children and Young People Thematic Group on the work undertaken by the Thematic Group in 2009/10 regarding delivering the targets in the Sustainable Community Strategy.
- Production of a standard end of year report format for use by the LDLSP Thematic Groups through liaison between the Budget and Performance Panel and the LDLSP Management Group.
- Report on progress in respect of staff travel for non-council business travel and in regard to Cabinet being requested to consider a workplace travel plan using the specifications contained in BSI PAS500:2003 and

the definition of the Department of Transport, including identification of the budgetary implications of undertaking this work.

2.3 Work in Progress

The Panel resolved that the Overview and Scrutiny Committee be requested to establish a Task Group to investigate the feasibility of using land in public ownership for the provision of additional affordable housing and to establish initiatives with Housing Associations and Partners to provide affordable housing (Minute no. 5 (2) 2010/11 refers).

Following on from this, Councillors Sherlock and Whitelegg have met with officers from Regeneration and Policy and Democratic Services for preliminary discussions and scoping work is being undertaken, with a view to a draft document being available at the October meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. Further updates will be reported to the Panel.

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