

ENVIRONMENT & REGENERATION SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Forward Work Programme from July 2008

Please note that the forward work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice.

The information in this work programme is correct as at 8 July 2008

The order in which items are listed at this stage may not reflect the order they subsequently appear on the agenda / are dealt with at the scrutiny meeting. Please note that for items marked as 'part 2' it is recommended that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during its consideration in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

For general enquiries relating to the Council's scrutiny function, including this committee's work programme, please contact Keith Lea, Scrutiny Manager, the Scrutiny Team on 292257.

For administrative arrangements such as enquiries relating to report dispatch dates, venue layouts, setting up of presentations, etc., please contact Helen Coomber, Committee Administrator, Committee and Member Services on 292237.

All Meetings start at 2.30pm in the Guildhall, Wrexham, unless otherwise stated, with Members to meet prior to the meeting at 2.15 pm.

Date of meeting	Subject	Purpose of Report	Reason for Consideration	Responsible Officer / Contact Officer
Wednesday 23 July 2008	Waste Collection – Round Review	Report giving details of the new rounds, the cost implications of the changes and the publicity programme	Holding Decision Makers to Account	Chief Environment Officer
Wednesday 23 July 2008	Food Service Plan	Consideration of draft plan for 2008/9	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
Wednesday 23 July 2008	Wrexham Industrial Estate Link Road	Report which had previously been considered by the Executive Board on 15 July 2008	Information Report	Paul Roberts, Strategic Director
Wednesday 23 July 2008	Closure of the Flexsys Plant	Report on implications of the closure of the plant	Information Report	Paul Roberts, Strategic Director
Wednesday 24 September 2008	Fixed Play Strategy	Member steer on policies in relation to the distribution of play areas across individual wards / the Authority and how best available resources can be utilised. In addition , how this element fits into the wider Play Policy	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Environment Officer

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Wednesday 24 September 2008	Parks Strategy	Consideration of a policy for the strategic development of parks across the County Borough, particularly at this stage to consider the consultation process	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Environment Officer
Wednesday 24 September 2008	Additional Bins for Large Families	A 12 month review of the impact / effectiveness of the policy revised by the Executive Board in July 2007	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Environment Officer
September 2008 – Exact date to be agreed	O’Leary Report			Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
September 2008 – Exact date to be agreed	Dog Control Orders			Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
September 2008 – Exact date to be agreed	Stray Dogs			Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer

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September 2008 – Exact date to be agreed	Caia Park Partnership	Consideration of Draft 3 Year Business Plan		Chief Economic Development Officer
Wednesday 22 October 2008	Definitive Mapping Orders	Statement of priorities in relation to Definitive Map Modification Orders and update on progress in the Environment & Legal Departments’ ability to deal with the work	Performance Monitoring	Chief Environment Officer
Wednesday 22 October 2008	Cold Calling Project			Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
Wednesday 26 November 2008	Budget Proposals 09/10 – TBC	At its meeting in April 2008, Finance & Performance Scrutiny Committee recommended that each Scrutiny Committee reserve a slot on its FWP to consider issues arising from the all Member workshops on budget proposals for 09/10	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Chief Finance & Performance Officer

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Wednesday 17 December 2008				Agenda to be agreed
Wednesday 28 January 2009				Agenda to be agreed
Wednesday 25 February 2009				Agenda to be agreed
Wednesday 25 March 2009				Agenda to be agreed
Wednesday 22 April 2009				Agenda to be agreed
Wednesday 13 May 2009				Agenda to be agreed

Items to be Scheduled

ITEM	AS AGREED at meeting of:	PURPOSE OF REPORT	REASON FOR CONSIDERATION	RESPONSIBLE OFFICER/ CONTACT OFFICER
Community Regeneration Strategy	Draft considered in February 2008	Consideration of final strategy document prior to its submission to the Executive Board (anticipated to be ready for consideration in October/November 2008)	Policy Development	Chief Economic Development Officer
Communities First	Co-Chairs / Paul Roberts 19 Sept 2007	Implications of the “tapering off” of funding and therefore projects under the new Arrangements. In addition a review of the effectiveness of what is being delivered	Policy Development	Chief Economic Development Officer
Commercial Estates	Steve Bayley / Co-Chairs	Report on specific projects as required e.g. Wxm Business Centre, Whitegate, Redwither Tower, Redwither Central etc.	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Economic Development Officer
EU Programme	Steve Bayley / Co-Chairs	Briefing / Update on future EU funding and in particular the impact upon Wrexham	Policy Development	Chief Economic Development Officer
Economic Development Physical Regeneration Strategy	Steve Bayley / Co-Chairs	To set a vision for physical regeneration over the next 3 years (originally scheduled for February 2008, but unlikely to be ready until 2008/9)	Policy Development	Chief Economic Development Officer

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Wrexham Credit Union	Co-Chairs 14. Nov 2007	Reason for delay in Wrexham Credit Union becoming operational and the impact of this on the performance indicator target of 811 active new members in 2007/08.	Performance Monitoring	Chief Economic Development Officer
Wrexham Cemetery	28 Sept 2005	Update on progress in terms of the acquisition of a new cemetery and the development of a longer term strategy for the disposal of the dead	Policy Development	Chief Environment Officer
Burial Provision	28 Sept 2005	Progress report on new cemetery and the development of a longer term strategy for disposal of the deceased	Policy Development	Chief Environment Officer
Country Parks	7 Nov 2007	Site visit to the Parks		Chief Environment Officer
Streetscene	From T&F Group meeting 26 Feb 2006	Progress report following the introduction of the scheme, particularly in relation to the expansion of the number services and further improvements in terms of efficiency and effectiveness	Performance Monitoring / Service improvement	Chief Environment Officer

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Street Lighting	8 April 2008 Streetscene T&F Group	Investigation into issues relating to street lighting including repair delays, modernisation issues etc	Service improvement	Chief Environment Officer
Llwyneinion	24 October 2007	Further reports on Lagoon and Monsanto sites inc. a report on options in relation to the remediation of the site	Issue of Public Concern	Chief Housing & Public Protection Officer
Library Service	Feb 2007	Further details re. the Location and Access Plan, in particular costs, location issues, quality of buildings etc.	Policy Development	Chief Leisure, Libraries & Culture Officer
Public Library Standards	26 March 2008	Annual Report on performance against the standards (to be scheduled for May 2009 ?)	Performance Monitoring	Chief Leisure, Libraries & Culture Officer
Waterworld	28 Nov 2007	Information regarding the amount required for works relating to Waterworld, funding options and a breakdown of the total Waterworld budget	Pre Decision Scrutiny	Chief Leisure, Libraries & Culture Officer
Community Centres	27 February 2008	Annual Report in June each year	Internal Performance Monitoring	Chief Leisure, Libraries & Culture Officer

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Regional Transport Plan	Co-Chairs	Update as to where we are presently	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Transportation & Asset Management Officer
Rail Network	Co-Chairs	Update as to where we are presently, plus role of Monitoring Group and Wrexham / Bidston position	Pre-Decision Scrutiny	Chief Transportation & Asset Management Officer
Arriva Bus & Train Services	20 March 2008	Joint Review with Flintshire County Council to focus on timetable issues, disabled access and the cleanliness of vehicles.	Service improvement	Keith Lea, Scrutiny Manager
Wrexham Shuttle	20 March 2008	Joint Review with Flintshire County Council to compare costs of the Wrexham & Deeside industrial Estate Services	Service improvement	Keith Lea, Scrutiny Manager
Wrexham Industrial Link Road	Dec 2006	Progress Reports as required	Performance Monitoring	Paul Roberts, Strategic Director
Depot Rationalisation – Salt Storage	16 July 2007	Further report on the options agreed at the meeting on 16 July 2007	Service improvement	Paul Roberts, Strategic Director
Road Safety	13 Dec 2007	A Quarterly Forum be established with North Wales Police to address any issues arising in relation to road safety.		PC Gary Ashton and PC Sasha Hatchett of North Wales Police