
**ENVIRONMENTAL SCRUTINY COMMITTEE – WORK PROGRAMME
REVIEW**

Background

1. The Constitution states that each Scrutiny Committee will set their own work programme. This is undertaken at the beginning of a municipal year and updated as the work progresses. The work programme needs to be carefully constructed so that the time available to the Committee is used most effectively.
2. The Environmental Scrutiny Committee's Terms of Reference provide the Committee with the responsibility for the scrutiny of a number of specific service areas. A copy of the terms of reference has been attached to this document as **Appendix 1**. This will remind Members of the scope of ideas that can be considered.
3. The Committee is responsible for the scrutiny of a number of policies and strategies that affect the sustainability and environment of Cardiff. It can also undertake investigations into any of these areas.
4. The construction of a work programme involves obtaining information from a range of sources, these include:
 - Information from the relevant Directorate;
 - Relevant extracts from the current Corporate Plan;
 - Suggestions and ideas put forward by the previous Environmental Scrutiny Committee;
 - Member suggestions and observations;
 - Citizen and third party comments and observations;

- Performance Information.
5. The topics gathered from the sources identified above were recorded in a document titled 'Environmental Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – Potential Work Programme Items 2017/18'; this document was first considered at a meeting on the 18th July 2017 and then used to create the version of the 'Environmental Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18' that was approved at the meeting on the 5th September 2017.
 6. The Environmental Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18 document that was agreed at the April 2018 meeting (**Appendix 2**) sets out the items for the period December 2017 to May 2018. In an effort to create a more relevant and reactive work programme the Chair of the Committee has decided to review the work programme on a monthly basis using an 'Environmental Scrutiny Committee – Work Programme Review'.
 7. At this meeting Members will have an opportunity to discuss the items for scrutiny at the June 2018 meeting. Suggested items for this meeting include:
 - Tree Management;
 - British Cycling HSBC Core Cities Cycling Partnership
 - Cabinet Response to Restore Our Rivers
 - Planning, Transport & Environment Directorate – Delivery Plan
 - Performance Monitoring – Quarters 3 & 4 - 2017/18
 8. In addition to the programme of schedule of meetings the Committee has agreed to undertake two task & finish exercises during the 2017/18 municipal year. The work on the task & finish report for 'Improving Cardiff's Air Quality' has finished and an inquiry titled 'Litter & Fly Tipping Management' has started. This item will provide Members with an update on the progress of the 'Litter & Fly Tipping Management' inquiry.

Way Forward

9. Members should consider the 'Draft Environmental Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2017/18' and agree a number of items for the June 2018 meeting. In

addition to this they should discuss the progress of the 'Litter & Fly Tipping Management' task & finish exercise.

Legal Implications

10. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct legal implications. However, legal implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any legal implications arising from those recommendations. All decisions taken by or on behalf of the Council must (a) be within the legal powers of the Council; (b) comply with any procedural requirement imposed by law; (c) be within the powers of the body or person exercising powers on behalf of the Council; (d) be undertaken in accordance with the procedural requirements imposed by the Council e.g. Scrutiny Procedure Rules; (e) be fully and properly informed; (f) be properly motivated; (g) be taken having regard to the Council's fiduciary duty to its taxpayers; and (h) be reasonable and proper in all the circumstances.

Financial Implications

11. The Scrutiny Committee is empowered to enquire, consider, review and recommend but not to make policy decisions. As the recommendations in this report are to consider and review matters there are no direct financial implications at this stage in relation to any of the work programme. However, financial implications may arise if and when the matters under review are implemented with or without any modifications. Any report with recommendations for decision that goes to Cabinet/Council will set out any financial implications arising from those recommendations.

RECOMMENDATION

The Committee is recommended to:

- i. Consider the contents of this report; and,

ii. Agree a way forward for the work programme.

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