

REPORT OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR OF POLICY AND CORPORATE RESOURCES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE.

The last meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee took place on the 18th July 2012 and Members were provided with updates on the agreed and scoped work programmes from all the Overview and Scrutiny Committees:

Policy and Corporate Resources Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

At the last meeting of the Committee, Members were presented with an overview of the Blackburn Market site re-development with Members requesting that they are updated at an appropriate time in the year on key decisions to be taken.

The Committee has now agreed that its Work Programme for 2012/2013 which will consist of the impacts of Welfare Reform and budget forecasting issues. At the meeting on 18th Members were also updated on the LGA Peer Review and are keen to consider the outcomes of this at their next meeting in September.

Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

The Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Committee has now finalised its work programme for 2012/2013 and has chosen 4 areas to look in depth. Between July and November the Committee will create two Task and Finish Groups to consider: Highways Maintenance and Waste Procurement,

The other two areas that the Committee has agreed in principal to look into is Regeneration of the Boroughs town centres and the effect of proposed benefit changes.

The Children's & Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee;

The Children's & Health O&S Committee have now finalised its Work Programme for 2012/2013. At the last meeting of the Committee in July, Members received a presentation from the East Lancashire Hospitals on the Consultation regarding their application Foundation Trust status.

It was also agreed that an Adults Task Group and a Children's Task Group be formed to undertake studies in the individual topic areas. Recent meetings of the Adults Task Group have reviewed the Vision for Adults Safeguarding, safeguarding standards, policies and multi agency arrangements. The Children's Task Group has covered the outcome of recent inspections, action for improvement, review of best practice and how best to prepare for future inspection.

Floods

It has been agreed that a joint special meeting between the Regeneration and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Policy and Resources Committee to look at the outcomes from the recent floods. This meeting will take place in September and will be open to all Members of both Committees.

Jim Shorrocks (Chair)

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