

## ENVIRONMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2006/07

Report By: Chairman, Environment Scrutiny Committee

### Wards Affected

County-wide

### Purpose

- 1 To consider a new Committee work programme for 2006/07

### Financial Implications

- 2 None

### Background

- 3 The current Committee Work Programme expires following the March 2006 meeting. It is intended that the Committee meeting on 27th March 2006 will debate issues concerning:
  - Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005.
  - Regular monitoring items of: Capital & Revenue budgets; Performance Indicators; Best Value Review Improvements and Contribution to Herefordshire Ambitions.
- 4 The Committee is therefore requested to consider the proposed work programme for the period April 2006 to the end of March 2007. In accordance with the principles outlined in the Scrutiny Improvement Plan of developing a themed approach to issues debated at Committee, the following programme attached at appendix 1 has been prepared following consultation with the Vice-Chairman and the Director of Environment. Members are reminded that guidance for developing an effective work programme is contained in the Scrutiny Handbook previously issued to Members.
- 5 Other issues the Vice-Chairman and Director are aware of for consideration as the programme is developed are:
  - Any specific issues arising from the Corporate Plan;
  - Waste Management;
  - Implications from the "Hampton Review" concerning regulatory inspections and enforcement – within the context of this Committee.
  - Scrutinising progress following the Parking Review;
  - Scrutinising progress with the Local Transport Plan 2.

- 6 Should any urgent, prominent or high profile issue arise, as Chairman I may consider calling an additional meeting to consider that issue.
- 7 Should Members become aware of any issues they consider may be added to the scrutiny programme they should contact either myself as Chairman or the Vice-Chairman to log the issue so that it may be taken in to consideration when planning future agendas or when revising the work programme.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT subject to any comment or issues raised by the Committee the work programme be approved and recommended to Strategic Monitoring Committee.**

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None identified.

<b>June 2006</b>	
Officer Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations by the Cabinet Members</li> <li>• Good Environmental Management Issues (GEM)</li> <li>• Presentation on Bio Fuels</li> <li>• Capital Budget</li> <li>• Revenue Budget</li> <li>• Report on Performance Indicators</li> <li>• Best Value Review Improvement Plans</li> </ul>
Scrutiny Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Polytunnel Review Working Group to be reconvened early in 2006. Note: This may be subject to the outcome of two local public inquiries.</li> </ul>
<b>September 2006</b>	
Officer Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Travellers Policy and Site Provision Review – Consider work so far and invite Member involvement in the further development of the Travellers Policy and review of site provision.</li> <li>• Report on.</li> <li>• Capital Budget</li> <li>• Revenue Budget</li> <li>• Report on Performance Indicators</li> <li>• Best Value Review Improvement Plans</li> </ul>
Scrutiny Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The findings of the Polytunnel Review Working Group.</li> <li>• Travellers Policy and Site Review Group underway.</li> </ul>
<b>December 2006</b>	
Officer Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GEM</li> <li>• Capital Budget</li> <li>• Revenue Budget</li> <li>• Report on Performance Indicators</li> <li>• Best Value Review Improvement Plans.</li> </ul>
Scrutiny Reviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The findings of the Travellers Policy Development Review Group.</li> </ul>

<b>March 2007</b>	
Officer Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Biodiversity Strategy Issues</li><li>• Capital Budget</li><li>• Revenue Budget</li><li>• Report on Performance Indicators</li><li>• Best Value Review Improvement Plans</li></ul>
Scrutiny Reviews	

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