

**Urban Environment Scrutiny Committee – 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014**

**Report of the Lead Officer and the Director of Corporate Resources**

**Annual Scrutiny Programme 2014/15**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To note the items proposed and suggested for inclusion in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15.

**Background**

2. As in 2013/14, meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled, on the dates below, primarily to carry out the reviews that are allocated to them and to undertake detailed scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals in November -
  - Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2014 – 6pm
  - Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 – 6pm
  - Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 – 6pm
  - Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 – 6pm
3. The Committee will formally endorse the Annual Scrutiny Plan at its meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. The items proposed for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15 are:
  - Economic Development (including inward investment)
  - Environmental Management, Commercial Services

A brief summary of each topic will be provided by the relevant Assistant Director at the meeting.

4. Appendix 1 provides more detailed information on the topics set out in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15, as referred to in paragraph 3 above.

**Finance**

5. The costs of operating the revised scrutiny arrangements will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

## Law

6. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.
7. The Police and Justice Act 2006 gives the Council powers to scrutinise the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 enables local authorities to scrutinise other partners. Much of this legislation has now been consolidated in the Localism Act 2011.

## Equality Impact

8. Provision exists within the recommended scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

## Recommendation

9. That the proposed items contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15, as referred to in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1, be endorsed.



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## List of Background Papers

**Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 – Annual Scrutiny Programme 2014/15**