

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

**EXECUTIVE MANAGEMENT TEAM'S REPORT TO THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENTERPRISE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

4 January 2012

1. WORK PROGRAMME – DRAFT BRIEFS FOR SCRUTINY

Submitted by: Member Services Officer

Portfolio: Regeneration and Planning

Ward(s) affected: Non-specific

Purpose of the Report

To enable the Committee to discuss the draft scrutiny briefs and agree their content prior to submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

Recommendations

(a) That the draft brief for scrutiny be agreed.

(b) That the draft brief for scrutiny be submitted to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee for final approval.

Reasons

Following the Scrutiny Peer Review it was agreed that the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee fulfil the role of the 'work planning group' and that all draft briefs for scrutiny be submitted to it for final approval.

1. Background

1.1 At the last meeting of the Committee it was agreed that the following topics be included on the work programme:

- Staffordshire Strategic Assets Review (Jeff Hamnett)
- Assets Management Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15 (Louise Beeby)

A draft brief relating to the Asset Management Strategy is appended.

At the time of producing this agenda, Mouchel were working to a timetable which will provide a draft report to all the councils involved in the review by the end of the year. Mouchel anticipate having input from the respective councils by the end of January and the final report being available sometime in February.

Therefore there is nothing to add to the report until February when the final recommendations from the Mouchel report will be available.

2. **Issues**

2.1 Members are asked to consider the briefs appended to this report and to agree the content prior to submission to the Overview and Scrutiny Co-ordinating Committee.

3. **Outstanding Actions Agreed by the Committee**

3.1 None at present

4. **Outcomes Linked to Sustainable Community Strategy and Corporate Priorities**

4.1 The work programme of the Economic Development and Enterprise Overview and Scrutiny Committee lists items for Overview and Scrutiny activity. This activity will contribute to the following priorities in the Sustainable Community Strategy:

PE04	To identify NEETS (Not in Education, Employment or Training) and encourage their engagement
PL01	To improve the facilities and infrastructure across the Borough
PR01	To provide opportunities for up skilling the working age population
PR02	To enable young people to achieve their potential and encourage their investment in the local economy
PR03	To transform the perception of Newcastle and the North Staffordshire region
PR04	To maximise the benefits of investment coming to the Borough for businesses and local people

4.2 The committee's activities will also contribute to the corporate priority of creating a Borough of opportunity.

5. **Legal and Statutory Implications**

5.1 There are no legal or statutory implications directly arising from this report.

6. **Equality Impact Assessment**

6.1 There are no equalities issues directly associated with this report. Consultation items on the work programme, such as draft police should include equality impact assessments and the committee should seek to challenge report authors and decision-makers to ensure that all equalities and diversity issues have been discussed.

7. **Financial and Resource Implications**

7.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

7.2 The primary resource implication arising from this report is Members' and Officers' time and commitment to undertake Overview and Scrutiny activity. When monitoring the work programme it is the committee's responsibility to ensure that it does not overburden itself with work if Members are unable to commit to particular activities within an agreed timeframe.

7.3 There are no human resource implications arising from this report.

7.4 There are no ICT implications arising from this report.

8. **Major Risks**

8.1 There are no risks associated with this report.

9. **Key Decision Information**

9.1 Overview and Scrutiny does not have the power to make decisions and therefore this report does not propose any decisions which would be considered to be a key decision.

10. **List of Appendices**

Appendix A Assets Management Strategy 2012/13 to 2014/15 (Lead Officer – Louise Beeby)