

31 May 2012

Agenda Item: 10

**REPORT OF CORPORATE DIRECTOR, POLICY, PLANNING AND
CORPORATE SERVICES**

WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of the Report

1. To consider the Committee's work programme for 2012/13.

Information and Advice

2. The County Council requires each committee to maintain a work programme. The work programme will assist the management of the committee's agenda, the scheduling of the committee's business and forward planning. The work programme will be updated and reviewed at each pre-agenda meeting and committee meeting. Any member of the committee is able to suggest items for possible inclusion.
3. The attached work programme has been drafted in consultation with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and includes items which can be anticipated at the present time. Other items will be added to the programme as they are identified.
4. As part of the transparency introduced by the new committee arrangements, each committee is expected to review day to day operational decisions made by officers using their delegated powers. The Committee may wish to commission periodic reports on such decisions where relevant. Any potential areas of focus in this respect will be highlighted during the planned presentation to Committee on the overview of relevant service areas.
5. A further element of transparency is reports from officers on the activity of working groups which relate to this committee's terms of reference. The committee is requested to consider whether it wishes to receive reports on the following groups on which officers are represented:

Name of Group	Background
Joint Waste Management Committee	Strategic overview of waste management across Notts. and overview of the County Council's £850m Waste PFI Contract. The Board does not possess delegated executive powers or duties – any formal decisions required are recommended to each Council as appropriate under Constitutions.

Name of Group	Background
Joint (Waste Management) Officer Board	Ensures effective and efficient waste management services across Notts. And informs/ reacts to Joint Waste Management Committee as appropriate.
Carbon Reduction Commitment Energy Efficiency Scheme (CRCEES) Officer Working Group	Cross-authority group formed in June 2010 in response to the Government's CRCEES scheme, which is a mandatory emissions trading scheme. It is an officer working group, as required by the scheme, and is chaired by the Waste and Energy Group Manager.
Joint Planning Advisory Board	The Joint Planning Advisory Board, chaired by Broxtowe Borough Council, was established in 2007 to steer the development and alignment of Core Strategies (Local Plans) across Greater Nottingham. The Board meets quarterly, with membership comprised of councillors representing Ashfield, Broxtowe, Derbyshire, Erewash, Gedling, Nottingham, Nottinghamshire and Rushcliffe councils.

6. It is also expected that the committee will wish to receive regular reports on outside bodies. Administration Committee, which has overall responsibility for outside bodies, will decide which outside bodies should report to which committees. There will be a report to a future meeting about this.
7. There are a number of scrutiny reviews which have recently been completed and a response from the relevant Cabinet Member is needed. For Environment and Sustainability Committee, there is only one relevant review (Water and Gas Emissions from Mines). Due to its very recent completion date in relation to the introduction of the new committee system, this report was not submitted to the Cabinet Member. The review report is currently being finalised and will be brought to a future meeting of this Committee for consideration.
8. The preparation of the Minerals Local Plan and the Waste Core Strategy lies within the remit of this Committee. The preparation of these planning policy documents has previously been steered by members working groups. Whilst the work of the Members Working Group for the Minerals Local Plan lies within the work of this Committee so that the Group will no longer be required, a Members Working Group will still be required for the Waste Core Strategy. The Waste Core Strategy is a joint document between Nottinghamshire County Council and Nottingham City Council and its preparation is overseen by Members of both Authorities via the Members Group. The work of the group is then reported both to the County Council's Committees and to the City Council's democratic structures.

Other Options Considered

9. None.

Reason/s for Recommendation/s

10. To assist the committee in preparing its work programme.

Statutory and Policy Implications

11. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of finance, equal opportunities, human resources, crime and disorder, human rights, the safeguarding of children, sustainability and the environment and those using the service and where such implications are material they are described below. Appropriate consultation has been undertaken and advice sought on these issues as required.

RECOMMENDATION/S

- 1) That the Committee's work programme be noted, and consideration be given to any changes which the Committee wishes to make.
- 2) That the Committee indicate any operational activities it wishes to receive regular reports on.
- 3) That the Committee determine which officer working groups it wishes to receive reports on.
- 4) That it be noted that the Water and Gas Emissions from Mines scrutiny review report will be included in the work programme.

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Constitutional Comments (SLB 30/04/2012)

12. The Committee has authority to consider the matters set out in this report by virtue of its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (PS 2/5/12)

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

Background Papers

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

- a) Report to County Council – 29 March 2012 (published).

Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected

All