

POLICY & RESOURCES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Work programme 2013/2014 - evaluation

During the 2013/14 Municipal Year, the **Policy & Resources Scrutiny Committee** held **5** meetings and met on the following dates – 11th July 2013, 10th October 2013, 28th November 2013, 30th January 2014 and 10th April 2014.

Members undertook the following scrutiny work:-

Call-ins/ references from Cabinet – the Scrutiny Committee considered **22 call-in items**. No items were called in from the Forward Plan.

Items referred direct to the Scrutiny Cttee –

- All budget items were referred direct to the Scrutiny Committee and considered at the meeting on 30th January 2014 (**6 items**).

Pre Cabinet items – the Scrutiny Committee considered **5** pre Cabinet items:

- Tenancy Policy – 11th July 2013.
- Dial-a-Ride – a way forward – 11th July 2013.
- Southend Skills Strategy – considered by all 3 scrutiny Committees – 10th October 2013.
- Redevelopment of St Stephen's Church and Audleys Close Garage Sites – 10th October 2013.
- Homeless Prevention Strategy – 30th January 2014.

Scheduled items - each meeting as appropriate:

- Monthly Performance report – exceptions reports also considered.
- Minutes of the meetings of the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum held on 15th July 2013 (reported to October meeting) and 20th January 2014 (reported to January 2014 meeting) – see *note below*.

In-depth scrutiny project: *Impact of Welfare Changes* - topic agreed at meeting on 11th July 2013 (Minute 161 refers). Project plan agreed by project team and then the full Committee on 10th October 2013 (Minute 372 refers). Project chaired by Councillor Ian Gilbert. Final report agreed at meeting on 10th April 2014 (Minute 964 refers).

Presentations & other matters considered:

- ◆ Work programme evaluation 2012/13 – 11th July 2013.
- ◆ In depth scrutiny report – *How we plan to meet the growing demand for social rented housing in the current economic climate* – Final report agreed at meeting on 11th July 2013 (Minute 160 refers).
- ◆ Briefing report on core client housing responsibilities, including commissioning & procurement – 10th October 2013.
- ◆ Update on SEAL – 10th October 2013.
- ◆ Update on Crime Stats – Chief Inspector Matt Bennett – 10th October 2013.
- ◆ Allocations policy – all Members briefing session held on 6th November 2013.
- ◆ Police Update – Chief Inspector Matt Bennett - all Members briefing session held 25th February 2014 *see note below*

Member briefing sessions

At the Chairmen's Scrutiny Forum meeting in January, Members discussed the format of member briefing sessions / presentation. The Forum resolved that copies of any handouts / presentation slides from Member briefings / presentations should be placed centrally on the Council's intranet so they can be easily accessible to all Members.

There is now a dedicated page on the intranet and the link to follow is <http://pegasus/support/Pages/default.aspx> You need to click on 'Handouts from Briefings' in the dropdown list on the page.