

Information Paper

Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

11 May 2011

Work Planning 2011-2012

Background

- 1.1 In June 2010 the Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee agreed their 2010-2011 work plan. At the meeting held on the 02 March 2011 Members supported the proposal by the Chair to repeat the process for the 2011-2012 work plan and that this item be placed at the forefront of the agenda.

Progress to date

- 1.2 The Chair and Vice-Chair of Environment Overview & Scrutiny have discussed informally with the Directors Built Environment and Operations how scrutiny can best add value in assisting the delivery of the outcomes outlined in the Corporate Strategy 2010-2015 under the community objective of Enhancing and Protecting our Environment namely that :

- Cheltenham has a clean and well-maintained environment
- Cheltenham's natural and built environment is enhanced and protected
- Carbon emissions are reduced and Cheltenham is able to adapt to the impacts of climate change

- 1.3 Whilst not an exclusive list, Appendix 1 lists details of six proposed topics identified by the Chair and Vice-Chair further to this discussion for Members to consider.

- 1.4 Lead Officers identified in Appendix 1 will be present at the meeting to answer any questions Members may have with regard to the specific work streams suggested or to respond to topics not covered but raised by Members.

- 1.5 The work plan for the Committee is attached at Appendix 2. Members are asked to review the items scheduled and are invited to propose future items.

- 1.6 Committee working groups already established, as well as Cabinet Member working groups within the remit of the Committee are listed in Appendix 3, for information.

Next Steps

- 1.7 **Members are therefore asked to :**

- examine the proposed scrutiny topics and agree on which ones to take forward and where necessary appoint members to a working group where one does not

already exist

- suggest further topics for investigation
- approve the draft Environment Overview and Scrutiny work plan 2011-2012

Appendices	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Proposed scrutiny topics 2011-20122. Draft work plan 2011-20123. List of existing Committee and Cabinet Member working groups
Background Papers	2010-2015 Corporate Strategy
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