

ENVIRONMENT AND ATTRACTIVE CITY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

14 FEBRUARY 2011

FORWARD PLAN – KEY DECISIONS FOR THE PERIOD 1 FEBRUARY 2011 – 31 MAY 2011

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Strategic Priorities: SP5 - Attractive and Inclusive City

Corporate Priorities: CIO1- Delivering Customer Focused Services, CIO4 - Improving partnership working to deliver 'One City'.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To provide Members with an opportunity to consider those items on the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 February 2011 – 31 May 2011 which relate to the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee.

2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 2.1 Holding the Executive to account is one of the main functions of Scrutiny. One of the ways that this can be achieved is by considering the forthcoming decisions of the Executive (as outlined in the Forward Plan) and deciding whether Scrutiny can add value in advance of the decision being made. This does not negate Non-Executive Members ability to call-in a decision after it has been made.
- 2.3 To this end, it has been agreed that, the most recent version of the Executive's Forward Plan should be included on the agenda of each of the Council's Scrutiny Committees. The Forward Plan for the period 1 February 2011 – 31 May 2011 is attached as **Appendix 1**.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Following member's comments on the suitability of the Forward Plan being presented in its entirety to each committee it should be noted that only issues relating to the specific remit of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee are presented for information and comment.
- 3.2 For members information the remit of the Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee is as follows:-

Building Control, Unitary Development Plan, Place Shaping, Local Transport Plan, Coast Protection, Cemeteries and Crematorium, Grounds Maintenance, Flood Risk, Highways Services and Street Scene, Waste and Recycling, Allotments.

3.3 In the event of Members having any queries that cannot be dealt with directly in the meeting, a response will be sought from the relevant Directorate.

4. RECOMMENDATIONS

4.1 To consider the Executive's Forward Plan for the period 1 February 2011 – 31 May 2011

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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