POLICY & COORDINATION REVIEW COMMITTEE

19 February 2009

PROGRESS MONITOR & WORK PROGRAMMES 2008/09

REPORT OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

Strategic Priority: CI01, CI04

1. Why has this report come to the Committee?

1.1 To set out variations to the Review Committee work programmes and to review the committees own work programme.

2. Background

2.1 The Policy and Co-ordination Review Committee has a role in co-ordinating efficient business across the Review Committees. The aim is to avoid duplication, make best use of resources and to provide a corporate overview of the overview and scrutiny function.

3. Review Committee Work Programmes

3.1 Appendix 1 sets out the changes this month to the Review Committee work programmes from those endorsed at the start of the municipal year. Each Review Committee receives its own work programme in full each month in order to review progress.

4. Training Coordination

4.1 This Review Committee also receives an overview of all training and conference events attended by Review Committee Members in order to assist scrutiny members with sharing best practice and information received from these events. The table below lists conference attendance since the last report.

Review Committee	Conference / event	Date	Venue	Members attending	Feedback
Culture & Leisure	How your heritage can work for you: making the most of the local historic environment	3.2.09	London	Cllr Errington	

5. Policy & Coordination Work Programme

5.1 This report attaches (Appendix 2) this committee's full work programme for the year, updated to reflect new additions and amendments requested by committee as the year has progressed.

6. Recommendation

6.1 That the Committee notes the variations to the scrutiny Work Programme for 2008-09 and to its own work programme.

7. Background Papers

Review Committee Agendas February cycle of meetings.

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Appendix 1

Amendments to Review Committee Work Programmes – February 2009

	Remove Item	Reason	Add New Item	Purpose for Inclusion
Health & Well-Being 11.02.09	As original work programme		Campus Update and Proposed Closure of Newhaven and Newbury Cottages – Sunderland Learning Disability Partnership	Provide Committee with progress on meeting Government targets
Children's Services 12.02.09	Corporate Parenting Annual Report (deferred from January)	Deferred to March to incorporate IRT report	Sunderland Safeguarding Children Board Safeguarding Service Report Hylton Red House Primary School	Request of Committee Request of Committee Request of Committee
Environmental & Planning 16.02.09	Operation of Street Lighting contract Improving the gateways to the city Highway Asset and Network Management Plan	Deferred pending performance monitoring report in March 09 Deferred to April 09 Deferred to March 09		
Culture and Leisure 17.02.09	Policy Review – Use of Libraries	Deferred to March 09	Audit Listed Buildings (deferred from Dec 08) Blue Flag Status (deferred from Dec 08)	Member Request Member Request
Regeneration & Community 18.02.09			Housing Renewal Enforcement Policy – Article 4 Plan	Referred by Cabinet
Policy & Coordination 19.02.09	As original work programme		As original work programme	