SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

25 APRIL 2013

MONITORING THE DELIVERY OF AGREED SCRUTINY RECOMMENDATIONS

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To provide the Scrutiny Committee with progress in relation to the implementation of agreed scrutiny recommendations from previous policy reviews conducted by the relevant scrutiny committees during 2010/11 and 2011/12 respectively. This is the second of two reports to be considered by the Scrutiny Committee.

2. Background

- 2.1 Following the reorganisation of the scrutiny function in 2012, it is now the responsibility of the Scrutiny Committee to monitor progress against the recommendations in relation to all previous policy reviews the scrutiny function has undertaken.
- 2.2 This report outlines progress on the remaining eight policy reviews undertaken in 2010/11 and 2011/12.
- 2.3 At its meeting of 14 June 2012, the Scrutiny Committee revised the monitoring arrangements in relation to policy reviews whereby only the previous two years worth of recommendations are monitored. It was also agreed that monitoring is done by exception, which in practice means that those recommendations that fall into the blue (not deliverable), amber (on schedule) or red (not on schedule) categories are the only issues considered by the Committee. This is to ensure that the Scrutiny Committee does not become over burdened in its capacity to monitor recommendations.

3. Current Position

3.1 The recommendations, formerly agreed by Cabinet and partner organisations as part of the various policy reviews, will deliver a range of improvement activity. A full overview of progress is attached at **Appendices A-H**. The table overleaf provides a summary of the number and percentage of actions that have been achieved, are on schedule to be achieved, are not now deliverable, or are not on schedule to be achieved.

Policy Review	Rag Key			
	Green	Blue	Amber	• Red
	(achieved)	(not deliverable)	(On schedule)	(Not on schedule)
2010/11				
The Role of Culture in Supporting Sustainable Communities	0	7	1	1
Smarter Working	0	3	0	5
Learning at Work	0	28	1	20
Low Carbon Economy	0	7	0	4
2011/12				
Demonstrating Local Accountability	0	4	0	7
Rehabilitation and Early Supported Discharge	0	1	0	10
Low Carbon Vehicles in the Delivery of Public Services	6	4	0	3
Veterans	0	3	0	11

3.2 The Scrutiny Committee may ask the scrutiny lead member with the relevant remit to undertake further work on behalf of the Committee where any issues of concern are highlighted for those recommendations that are in the red, amber, blue categories.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Scrutiny Committee:-
 - (a) Notes the progress towards completion of the actions detailed within the Action Plans appended to this report (Appendices A-H) and seeks clarification on content where felt appropriate; and
 - (b) Where issues of concern are highlighted, agrees to commission the relevant scrutiny lead member to undertake further work and report back to the Scrutiny Committee

5. Background Papers

Scrutiny Committee agenda 14 June 2012, scrutiny committee papers 2010/11 and 2011/12 5.1

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