



Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel 7 January 2014

Report title	Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for 2014	
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Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	N/A	

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Panel is recommended to:

1. Review the items for inclusion in the work programme for early 2014 and indicate the priority item(s) for the next meeting.
2. Agree to review the work programme at each panel meeting, to respond to emerging issues, and to enable Councillors to debate whether issues are still relevant.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To present for approval the Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel Work Programme for early 2014.

2.0 Background.

- 2.1 The remit of the Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel was agreed by Annual Council on 15 May 2013. An extract is attached at Appendix 2.
- 2.2 The panel will retain flexibility to consider issues as they arise. Any changes to the work programme will be brought to the attention of the Chair at each agenda meeting and all Councillors will consider the work programme at the panel meetings.

3.0 Work Programme Planning

- 3.1 The work programme (Appendix 1) is a working document which is reviewed at each panel meeting to determine the timeliness and relevance of items for scrutiny.
- 3.2 Outstanding minutes are shown in the table below:

Subject	Date of meeting	Decision	Comments
The Principles of the Draft Marketing Plan	24.09.13	To refer a paper outlining the principles of the draft marketing plan to support economic development and regeneration activities for both Wolverhampton and the wider Black Country to the Review of First Impressions of the City.	A paper is to be prepared for the February meeting of the Review Group (Ian Bustin)

- 3.3 The Leader's forward plan for period 1 January 2014 – 30 April 2014 identifies the following issues for possible pre-decision scrutiny by this panel:
- Business rates retention scheme
 - Discretionary Business rate relief 2014/15
 - Open space strategy and action plan
 - Options appraisal for the future use of the Parkfields site as office accommodation
 - Private Sector Housing Strategy
 - Progress on the Black Country Enterprise Zone
 - Progress on i54 strategic investment site
 - Vine Island highway improvement scheme
 - Westside
 - Wolverhampton Interchange – commercial gateway

3.4 The Panel will retain flexibility to consider issues as they arise, changes to the work programme will be brought to the attention of the Chair and Vice-Chair at each agenda meeting and all councillors will consider the work programme at the panel meetings.

4.0 Schedule of Meetings

4.1 Remaining scheduled Enterprise and Business Scrutiny panel meetings for the 2014 municipal year:

- 25 February 2014
- 8 April 2014

5.0 Financial implications

5.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. Within the Office of the Chief Executive, there is a scrutiny budget to support the investigation of issues highlighted by Councillors. These can arise from the work programmes of the panels and the reviews and inquiries. [CN/18122013/W]

6.0 Legal implications

6.1 The individual items referred to in the Draft Work Programme attached to this report at Appendix 1 may need separate reports. If any further reports are submitted, further legal advice will be required. [TS/17122013/E]

7.0 Equalities implications

7.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report. However, Councillors are asked to consider equalities, especially when identifying who to consult and who to call to give evidence. The equalities page of the Council intranet provides specific advice in this area.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

8.1 Minutes of the Enterprise and Business Scrutiny panel meeting convened on 30 July 2013.

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Meeting Date	Agenda Item	Issue	Method	Lead Officer(s)
07.01.14	Cycling Strategy in line with the Corn Hill Development and transport interchange.	The Panel will be required to review the Council's current Cycling strategy with representatives from the Wolverhampton Cycling Forum and Wolves on Wheels to address the panel. In addition invite Sustrans to attend the session to advise the panel of potential funding for cycling initiatives.	Report	Lydia Barnstable Tom Philpot
25.02.14	The Skills Gap	The report should focus particularly on adult skills, what is planned and how many organisations are involved in developing the right skills in the City.	Report	Paul Doherty Corin Crane Keren Jones
	The Draft Marketing Plan for Wolverhampton and the Black Country	The draft marketing plan to support economic development and regeneration activities for both Wolverhampton and the wider Black Country	Report	Ian Bustin
	Regenerating Contaminated Sites and Empty Buildings	The Cabinet Member for Regeneration will present an update report to focus on the most difficult empty buildings and contaminated sites in the City and what the specific challenges are in each case.	Report	Kevin Moore
	Black Country Bids	A short update report to give an overview of how Wolverhampton and its Black Country Partners are working to prepare funding bids.	Report	Keren Jones
	Open Space Supplementary Planning Document	Pre-decision Scrutiny	Report	Michele Ross

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08.04.14	Promoting High Value Manufacturing – the aerospace sector	Update on the impact of the Paris Air Show 2013, and preparation for Farnborough Air show.	Report	Jay Patel

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(i) Specific responsibilities

to be responsible for the overview and scrutiny of policies to attract and retain businesses and employment, matters relating to the built environment, strategic and spatial planning and economic regeneration;

(ii) Policy areas include:

Planning
Transport
Economic Development
Flood and ground water management
Sustainability and Climate Change
Employment Skills

(iii) Related policy framework plans and strategies

Asset Management Plan
Black Country Core Strategy, City Deal and Growth Plans
City Centre Strategy and Action Plan
Strategic Policy Framework, for the West Midlands Metropolitan Area
Unitary Development Plan
Cycling Strategy
Walking Strategy
Economic Growth Plan
Climate Change Strategy
Highway Maintenance and Management Strategy
Local Transport Plan
Creative Economy Strategy
Visitor Economy and Tourism Strategy
Sustainability Strategy

(iv) Principal related Cabinet Member

Cabinet Member for Economic Regeneration and Prosperity

(v) Lead Corporate Officer

Strategic Director Education and Enterprise