

Report for Information

Report to	Sustainable Development Panel 27 July 2011	Item 7
Report of	Head of Planning Services	
Subject	Possible work programme for Sustainable Development Panel for the remainder of the Calendar Year	

Purpose

The report sets out an indication of when matters related to the panel's terms of reference are likely to be able to be reported to the panel. The purpose of doing this is to allow panel to keep their agendas manageable and consider whether they need to consider all possible agenda items or whether they are happy for some matters to be addressed in other ways.

Recommendations

That the contents of Appendix 2 are noted and comments be made on whether the Panel wish all the matters included to be reported to it.

Financial Consequences

All costs can be met from within current budgets. However, any requirement for further meetings or report will increase costs.

Risk Assessment

Not applicable.

Strategic Priority and Outcome/Service Priorities

The activities of the Panel cut across several Corporate and Service Priorities.

Executive Members: Cllr Bremner. However, it should be noted that a number of areas within the terms of reference of the Panel may interact with the portfolios of other portfolio holders.

Ward: All

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Background Documents

None

Report

Possible work programme for Sustainable Development Panel for the remainder of the Calendar Year Background

1. At the Sustainable Development Panel meeting on 29 June, members agreed to consider dates for further meetings at this meeting. In order to assist this discussion a draft list of possible items has been prepared and is attached as appendix 1. It should be noted that this list may be subject to change for a variety of external factors. However, in view of the wide terms of reference for the Panel it will be helpful to get members' views on what form of items the Panel feel it will be able to add most value to.

Appendix 1 - Possible items for consideration at Sustainable Development Panel (remainder of calendar year only)

SDP meeting (provisional date)	Possible items	Service Area
28 Sep	Implications of consultation on draft National Planning Policy Framework for the Development Management Policies plan (dependent on late July publication)	Planning
	Evidence update ¹ for LDF to include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need for indoor sports facilities • Cumulative loss of employment land • Progress report on Open Space Topic Paper 	Planning
	Award of Material Recycling Facilities Contract	Citizen Services
	Award of Green Waste Contract	Citizen Services
	Briefing on National Waste Review	Citizen Services
	Draft New Environmental Strategy	Strategy and Programme Management
19 Oct	Briefing on Implications of the outcome of the Joint Core Strategy challenge	Planning
	Draft Local List (prepared in conjunction with Norwich Society) for possible inclusion in DM Policies	Planning
	DM policies plan draft for consultation: part 1 ²	Planning
	Highway improvement forward programme: to inform development of a draft 2012/13 programme to be considered at the November NHAC	City Development Services
	Progress report on Photovoltaic Cells on City Hall	Strategy and Programme Management

¹ Possible additional evidence base reporting if necessary:

- Open space technical note (JH) (could be included with indoor sport?)
- Parking policy in city centre (BB)
- Need for NATS policy coverage should this be reviewed at a strategic level (BB)
- Retail hierarchy, centres and frontages (JB/JH)
- Housing issues (FL)

² Alternatively, additional special meeting of SDP in early November.

SDP meeting (provisional date)	Possible items	Service Area
30 Nov	DM policies plan draft for consultation: part 2	Planning
	Site allocations plan draft for consultation	Planning
	Annual monitoring report	Planning
	Update on Waste Management Strategy	Citizen Services

Appendix 2

Sustainable Development Panel - Terms of Reference

(as agreed on 17 February 2011)

To consider and if required, to make recommendations to cabinet or any relevant committee/body, on sustainability issues facing the council, including :-

- an overview of government policy relating to sustainable development and the implications for the council and the city
- monitoring the progress of the council's environmental strategy and carbon management programme
- any update to the environmental strategy or carbon management plan
- how the council's environmental strategy, carbon reduction programme and associated policies tackle the issues of climate change, carbon reduction and sustainable development.
- preparation and implementation of planning policy including Local Development Framework
- responses to relevant planning consultations
- issues arising from the implementation and monitoring of planning policies
- overseeing the implementation of the action plan for the integrated waste management strategy
- the development of specific environmental strategies including trees, parks, play areas and natural areas
- the council's position and response to transport policy and strategy development, including the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy;
- the development of specific sustainable transport initiatives;