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City Council

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2006

ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME FOR MUNICIPAL YEAR 2006/07

Report of the Chief Executive's Office

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek comments from Members on the on-going Municipal year work programme for the committee and consideration for items they would wish to consider in the following year.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 This report outlines the issues that have been put forward by the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee Quartet for consideration by the committee for its 2006/07 work-programme. In putting the programme forward they acknowledge that it needs to be a living, breathing document, and as such, will be the subject to constant change and amendment throughout the year as issues arise that require Members attention and scrutiny.

3. RECOMMENDATION

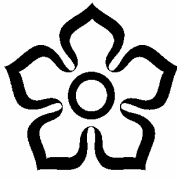
- 3.1 The Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee is **recommended** to consider the attached draft work programme and to indicate whether it wishes to add, amend or delete any of the items included, plus when, as appropriate, they would wish items to be presented.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications attached to this report.

5. AUTHOR

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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1 Report

- 1.1 Appendix A outlines the issues that have been put forward by the Economic Development and Planning Scrutiny Committee Quartet for consideration by the committee for its 2006/07 work-programme. In putting the programme forward they acknowledge that it needs to be a living, breathing document, and as such, will be the subject to constant change and amendment throughout the year as issues arise that require Members attention and scrutiny.
- 1.2 The items listed under 'Other Issues for Consideration' are topics the Quartet and the Committee have agreed they wish to see being considered by the committee over the coming year but which require further work before firm dates can be allocated to them.
- 1.3 Changes Proposed or Otherwise

January 2007	
Transport Links and their Economic Importance to the City	Deferred from December 2006
Braunstone Hall Regeneration Plans	New
February	
Gender & Employment in the Labour Market	New

2. The Role Of Scrutiny

The following statement reaffirms the general role of the scrutiny committee. Members may wish to be reminded that within their terms of reference, scrutiny committees can: -

- I. review and/or scrutinise decisions made or actions taken in connection with the discharge of any Council's functions
- II. as appropriate, make reports and/or recommendations to full Council, Cabinet or any committee in connection with the discharge of any functions,
- III. consider any matter affecting the area or its inhabitants and
- IV. exercise the right to call-in for reconsideration, decisions made but not yet implemented by Cabinet.
- V. Review and scrutinise the performance of the Council in relation to its policy objectives, performance targets and /or particular services
- VI. Assist the Council and the cabinet in development of its budget and policy framework by in-depth analysis of policy issues

FINANCIAL, LEGAL AND OTHER IMPLICATIONS

3 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

4 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising from this report

5 Other Implications

OTHER IMPLICATIONS	YES/NO	PARAGRAPH REFERENCES WITHIN SUPPORTING PAPERS
Equal Opportunities	NO	
Policy	NO	
Sustainable and Environmental	NO	
Crime and Disorder	NO	
Human Rights Act	NO	
Older People on Low Income	NO	

6 Background Papers – Local Government Act 1972

None

7 Consultations

Consultee
Andy Keeling, Regeneration & Culture

Date Consulted
23 November 2006

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MUNICIPAL YEAR WORK PROGRAMME – 2006/07

18 January 2007

2006/08 Budget Strategy

Leicester Strategy “Economic” component – Leicester Partnership

Local Development Framework - Local Development Scheme Review

Using Planning Powers to improve and enhance shop-fronts

Area South Regeneration, e.g. Eyres Monsell and Inner/Outer City Regeneration

Capital Corporate Programme

Local Enterprise Growth Initiative (LEGI) (Support to business Start-ups)

Performance Targets relevant to the Committee

Transport Links and their Economic Importance to the City

Braunstone Hall Regeneration Plans

8 February

Tackling The Employment Gap Among Ethnic Minority Groups

City-wide construction Figures including BME/LGB workers

Statement of Community Involvement – Update report

Performance Targets relevant to the Committee

Protocol for Major Job Losses in Leicester – the Councils response

Using Planning Powers and Regeneration Policy to improve neighbourhood shopping centres

A Large Casino for Leicester (subject to successful bid)

Other Issues for Consideration

The Future of Regeneration Companies in Leicester (March 2007)

Site Visits (see attached list)

24 Nov. 06

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PROGRAMME OF SITE VISITS FOR 2007

8th January 2007

Cultural Quarter & City Centre Development Project site tour to assess progress on three of Leicester's physical regeneration schemes:

- The Cultural Quarter public realm works;
- The Performing Arts Centre; &
- The City Centre Development Project.

12th February 2007

Tour of employment and enterprise projects in Leicester funded by the **European Regional Development Fund** to include:

- The Peepul Centre;
- Bangladeshi Youth & Cultural Shomiti;
- The Greenacres/Red Hill Project
- The Create project; & The Leicester Business Centre

12th March 2007

Visit to **Liverpool City Council** and the **Liverpool Land Development Company** to learn about their key physical regeneration and job creation schemes:

- Liverpool city centre public realm improvements;
- The Edge Lane West Pathfinder project;
- "Liverpool Vision": Liverpool's Urban Regeneration Company; &
- The "Fourth Grace" site at Mann Island

9th July 2007

Visit to **Sheffield City Council** and **Sheffield One** to learn about their experiences in developing:

- The Midland Station & "Heart of the City" project;
- The Retail Quarter; &
- The Victoria Quays site.

3rd September 2007

Visit to **Hull City Council** to learn about their experiences in developing:

- Schemes to tackle deprivation in West Hull;
- The Future Ferensway Scheme – A £160 million job creation scheme;
- Partnership schemes with Hull Citybuild (including Quay West, Albion Square & Humber Quays).