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REPORT OF CHAIR OF ENTERPRISE AND GROWTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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1. Summary

This report highlights the new remit for the Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee and its future intentions.

2. Recommendations

Council is asked to note the intentions of Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee, and contact the Chairman with any suggestions of issues for the Committee to look into.

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3. Risk Assessment and Opportunities Appraisal

3.1 There are no direct risks or equality issues associated with the paper.

4. Financial Implications

4.1 There are no direct financial implications from this report.

5. Background

5.1 As set out in Agenda Item 15, it is intended that the Committee will be covering the following remit

Committee Title	New Committee Remit	Linked Portfolio Holder
Enterprise and Growth Scrutiny Committee	Business Growth	Cllr Steve Charmley
	Built Environment – Strategic Planning, Planning, Housing	Cllr Mal Price
	Highways/Transport	Cllr Claire Wild

5.2 The Committee held an informal meeting on 6 June 2013 for the purposes of introducing new members, meeting Portfolio Holders, and to receive briefings from officers within service areas covered by the Committee. Michael Hyatt, the Head of Strategy, Research and Performance and Tom Dodds, Statutory Scrutiny Officer, outlined proposals for ways in which Scrutiny Committees will work in future, in the light of recommendations from the recent review of Scrutiny.

5.3 In line with the recommendations of the Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group agreed by Council on 18 April 2013, the Committee's intentions include:

- Focusing only on scrutiny activity that will have an impact, leads to outcomes and what matters to the customer;
- Allowing demands of the work programme to drive activity rather than calendared meetings determining what is done and when;
- Gathering robust evidence before making recommendations;
- Building a relationship with the Portfolio Holders for: Business Growth; Built Environment – Strategic Planning, Planning and Housing; and Highways and Transport; with a renewed emphasis on the role of Scrutiny in acting as a critical friend, and holding the administration to account.
- Developing an understanding of the budget so as to be able to provide support, advice and challenge.

It will continue use of the Task and Finish style of working and use the Select Committee style of meeting as appropriate.

5.4 The Committee will be meeting shortly to consider a petition submitted to the Council on 'Implementation of 20mph speed limits on all urban and residential roads in Oswestry' and to assess a number of items suggested for the Committee to scrutinise, to help determine the future work programme.

- 5.5 If there are further suggestions for the Committee to consider for inclusion in its work programme, please let the Chairman have these as soon as possible, with the potential impact or outcomes clearly identified.

List of Background Papers (This MUST be completed for all reports, but does not include items containing exempt or confidential information)

Scrutiny Review Task and Finish Group report to Council, 18 April 2013

Scrutiny Report to Council, 18 July 2013

Cabinet Member (Portfolio Holder)

Councillor Steve Charmley, Councillor Mal Price, Councillor Claire Wild

Local Member

All

Appendices

None