

**West of England Partnership
Joint Scrutiny Committee
30 October 2009**

2009/10 Draft Work Programme

Recommendation

1. That the Joint Committee considers the 2009/10 Draft Work Programme and:
 - Determines its priorities for the year
 - Identifies key witnesses who should be invited to advise on particular issues in its Work Programme.

Background

2. At the last meeting the Joint Committee considered the detailed West of England Work Programme, the Forward Plan of the Partnership Board and those of the Joint Committees and Boards. It also considered and approved the three 2009/10 Scrutiny Themes.
3. The Draft Work Programme for the Joint Committee, attached in Appendix 1, proposes the key priorities for consideration in 2009/10, taking into account the discussions at the last meeting.
4. The list of Social, Economic and Environmental Partners, Observers and other Partners, attached in Appendix 2, will assist the Joint Committee in identifying potential expert witnesses to advise its members at future meetings on specific items.

Appendices

Appendix 1 Draft Work Programme for 2009/10

Appendix 2 Social, Economic & Environmental Partners, Observers and other Partners

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**West of England Partnership
Joint Scrutiny Committee
Work Programme (as at 22 October 2009)**

Report	Purpose
11 December 2009	
A. Scrutiny Topics	
None	
B. Key issues arising from the Executives' Work Programmes	
Major Transport Schemes Monitor	To report progress and to focus on schemes soon to be submitted to DfT
Single Conversation with HCA and RDA	To report progress and to seek the Committee's views
22 January 2010	
A. Scrutiny Topics	
Strengthening Sub-Regional Economy	To outline how this objective is being addressed by the Partnership's work
B. Key issues arising from the Executives' Work Programmes	
Local Transport Act 2008	To seek the views of the Committee on the opportunities provided by the Act, and existing powers, particularly measures to improve the quality of bus services
Transport Monitoring	To inform members of progress against transport targets
5 March 2010	
A. Scrutiny Topics	
Tackling disadvantage	To outline how this objective is being addressed by the Partnership's work
B. Key issues arising from the Executives' Work Programmes	
MAA Delivery Plan	To inform members of progress against the Plan
Joint Core Waste Strategy (JWCS)	To consider the outcome of the consultation on the 'soundness' of the JWCS

West of England Partnership: Social, Economic & Environmental Partners, Observers and other Partners

Engaged and/or to be called upon by the Partnership, its Joint Committees, Boards and Joint Scrutiny

Transport

Industry:

Bus and rail operators
Network Rail

Environmental interests:

Campaign for Better Transport
Friends of the Earth
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England

Other:

Business West
University of the West of England
SW Trades Union Congress
Community Action (rural interests)
Friends of Suburban Bristol Railways

Observers (government and its agencies):

SW Regional Development Agency
Government Office for the South West
SW Councils
Highways Agency
Gloucestershire County Council
Wiltshire Council
Somerset County Council
Welsh Assembly
Mendip District Council
Cotswold District Council

Waste

Industry/commerce:

Environmental Services Association
Business West

Environmental interests:

Friends of the Earth

Observers:

Government Office for the South West
Environment Agency
Natural England

Planning, Housing and Communities

Partners:

Business West
House Builders Federation
National Housing Federation
National Landlords Association: Wessex Branch
Homes West

Industry:

Wessex Water
Bristol Water
Western Power
Bristol Port
Bristol Airport

Other:

Friends of the Earth
Campaign for the Protection of Rural England
SW Trades Union Congress
Shelter
(Housing Associations)
(Universities)
(Consultants with specialist knowledge)

Observers:

Government Office for the South West
Homes & Communities Agency
SW Regional Development Agency
Natural England
Environment Agency

Economy, Employment and Skills

Partners

Business West
Business Link
Federation of Small Businesses
Confederation of British Industry
Universities – knowledge transfer / business engagement
Further Education sector - knowledge transfer / business engagement
Science City
Social Enterprise Works
SW Trades Union Congress
Networks: eg Aerospace Forum, SW Screen, BETS (Bristol Environmental Technology Services)

Observers:

SW Regional Development Agency
Jobcentre Plus
Learning & Skills Council