

**West of England Partnership
Joint Scrutiny Committee
5 March 2010**

Joint Scrutiny Achievements 2009/10

Purpose

1. To provide an initial assessment of the achievements of the Joint Scrutiny Committee during the current year.

Background

2. Members will recall that when last year's report was considered in January the Committee requested that a 'rolling report' be produced for 2009/10.
3. The attached report seeks to provide an initial assessment.

Recommendation

That members note the report, which will be updated following this meeting.

Appendix 2009/10 Joint Scrutiny Committee Achievements: to 22 February 2010

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2009/10 Joint Scrutiny Committee Achievements: to 22 February 2010

Background

1. This is the second year of the Joint Scrutiny Committee. The Committee's prime roles are to:
 - Scrutinise any relevant proposals from the West of England Partnership in relation to the full range of West of England Partnership activities: transport; planning, housing and infrastructure; waste management; culture, leisure & tourism; rural strategy; and skills & competitiveness;
 - Review actions taken and decisions made by the Executive Committees and other Executive bodies;
 - Make reports or recommendations to the Executive Committees and other Executive bodies as appropriate and/or the constituent authorities' respective Overview and Scrutiny Committees.

Scrutiny themes

2. During 2009/10 Joint Scrutiny Committee members identified three themes to be included within their agendas:
 - Ensuring a high quality, sustainable environment
 - Strengthening sub-regional economy
 - Tackling disadvantage.

Reports on each of these themes have been included in the 2009/10 Work Programme.

Work achieved

3. From June 2009 to March 2010 the Joint Scrutiny Committee will have met on 7 different occasions. A summary of agenda items and actions agreed up to its February meeting is included in the attached Annex.
4. The views of the Joint Scrutiny Committee, against agenda items listed in the Annex, had a particular impact on the development of the:
 - Joint Local Transport Plan 3
 - Joint Waste Core Strategy: Draft submission document
5. In addition to the consideration of the topics detailed in the Annex, including the February meeting, the Joint Sub-Committee considered 10 public forum statements, all relating to transport issues and presented by members representing transport interest groups.

Examples of where Scrutiny has made a difference

6. The following are more detailed examples of how the work of the Joint Scrutiny Committee has affected what has happened:

- **Major Transport Schemes (North Fringe to Hengrove Package – Development of Major Scheme Bid)**

The Joint Scrutiny Committee said: The potential for linking up the Major Transport Schemes had not been sufficiently considered, in particular extending the North Fringe to Hengrove Package to Cribbs Causeway and including the Park and Ride at Parkway North.

What happened:

- i) The North Fringe to Hengrove Package was extended to Cribbs Causeway; and
- ii) A schematic map was produced for the sub-region, which showed the whole of the Major Transport Scheme Programme for the West of England.

7. It is hoped that further examples can be added, arising from the Joint Scrutiny Committee's views given at the meetings on 17 February and 5 March.

Annex: Joint Scrutiny Committee: Programme of work achieved during 2009/10

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3 July 2009

- Transport
 - (a) Presentation by Chair of Joint Transport Executive Committee – A number of issues, concerns and questions raised
 - (b) Joint Local Transport Plan 3 – Views given, with a request for ongoing involvement
- Joint Scrutiny Committee Work Programme – 2009/10 and Presentation on Partnership's Executive Work Programme in 2009/10 - Issues raised and items suggested

4 September 2009

- Presentation by the Chair of the Planning, Housing and Communities Board – Comments given and questions raised
- West of England Partnership Executive Work Programme – Key issues for Scrutiny identified
- 2009/10 Scrutiny Themes – Consideration of 2009/10 scrutiny themes
- Strengthening Local Democracy: Consultation – Individual views to be forwarded
- Waste Core Strategy: Draft submission document – Views given

30 October 2009

- Achievements of Joint Scrutiny Committee – Amendments to report agreed
- Ensuring a High Quality Sustainable Environment – Issues identified under this theme
- 2009/10 Draft Work Programme – Actions agreed
- Joint Local Transport Plan 3 (JLTP3) – Views given and draft Engagement Plan endorsed
- Local Transport Act 2008 – Report received
- Multi-Area Agreement Draft Delivery Plan – Report received and clarification sought
- West of England Strategic Housing Market Assessment – Issues identified for further attention

11 December 2009

- Single Conversation – Presentation from the Homes and Communities Agency & South West Regional Development Agency
- Major Transport Schemes Update – Views given
- Transport Plans – Report received

22 January 2010

- 2008/09 Scrutiny Achievements – Report approved
- Audit Commission Review of Partnership Governance Arrangements – Views given
- Pitt Report – Learning Lessons from the 2007 Floods – Report received
- Green Infrastructure - Presentation received and views given
- Transport Schemes Monitoring Framework – Report noted
- South Bristol Link Major Transport Scheme Bid – Views given
- Single Conversation: Delivery and Infrastructure Investment Plan – Report received and views given

19 February 2010 (Additional meeting)

- Single Conversation – Views given
- Scrutiny Theme 2: Strengthening Sub-Regional Economy – Views given
- Review of existing transport powers – Views given
- North Fringe to Hengrove Package: Major Scheme Bid – Views and comments made

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Details to be added