

Meeting: Environment Sub-committee

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Title: Work Programme

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Service: Law and Governance

Wards affected: All

1. Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is for Members to give further consideration to the Sub-committee's work programme.

2. Recommendation

(1) To determine whether there should be any additions to the Sub-committee's work programme

3. Details

At its meeting on 8 July 2015 the sub committee agreed its work programme for the remainder of the municipal year. This work programme included:

- A Sub-group set up to examine the authority's waste collection strategy post 2017
- A meeting with the Cabinet Member examine his aspirations for his area over the coming year
- A regular programme of monitoring the work of the North Tyneside Surface Water and Drainage Partnership
- A review of the Tree Management Policy
- The monitoring of the outcomes of the previous studies undertaken by the Sub-committee including street lighting and public rights of way.
- The continuation of the Sub-group looking at the cycling strategy.

To tie in with the end of year of the Newcastle and North Tyneside Biodiversity Action Plan the consideration of the annual report on biodiversity was put back to the June 2016 meeting.

In view of the above it is suggested that members may wish to give consideration to making an addition to this years work programme to be considered at the March meeting of the Sub-committee.

Several topics have been suggested and they are listed below:

- Climate change and health in NT, are we prepared?

- Incorporating nature into the centre of NT business and development, can we improve?
- A borough woodland how do we proceed?
- Renewable energy within NT, what are the options for domestic and business users to increase their usage?
- Problems with invasive species, what are the main threats within the borough?

When considering adding a topic to the work programme members have previously agreed a set of criteria to aid their decision making. The criteria used may differ slightly from time to time, but is generally based on the following:

- Does the topic relate to one or more of the Council Plan themes?
- Would a scrutiny investigation make a positive contribution to the formulation of futures policies or strategies?
- Is the topic of interest or concern to members of the public and is there an opportunity for the public to contribute to the review?
- Is an overview and scrutiny investigation the most appropriate route for addressing the issue?

4. Appendix

None