

**Scrutiny Sub-Committee for
Looking After the Environment**

20 March 2006

Forward Plan



Report of Head of Overview and Scrutiny

Purpose of the Report

- 1 To report the sections of the Council's Forward Plan which are within the Sub-Committee's jurisdiction.

Background

- 2 Under the Constitution, the Executive is required to produce a Forward Plan indicating key decisions covering a four-month period.
- 3 The key decisions relevant to this Sub-Committee included in the Forward Plan are set out in the attached documentation.
- 4 The information in the Forward Plan provides the Sub-Committee with the opportunity of considering whether it wishes to seek to influence any of these key decisions or to seek further information.
- 5 If the Sub-Committee wishes to examine any of the key decisions, this could be included in the Work Programme which needs to be considered.

Recommendation

- 6 You are recommended to give consideration to the Forward Plan.

Contact: Tom Bolton Tel: 0191 383 3149

Forward Plan

Reference number: Env/EN/02/05

Date of decision (ie date of Cabinet meeting): Cabinet 6 April 2006.

Description of decision to be made: Public Transport Policy - Updating strategy due to new legislation and changes in market forces.

Background documents: Public Transport Strategy 1999.

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bob Pendlebury.

Main consultees and means of consultation: Statutory requirement to consult with adjoining local authorities and bus operators.

When and how to make representations: To Adrian White, Environment - 0191 3833435.

Reference number: Env/EN/14/05

Date of decision (ie date of Cabinet meeting): Cabinet 6 April 2006.

Description of decision to be made: Review of Municipal Waste Strategy and progress on procurement of waste management contract(s).

Background documents: Waste Strategy 2003 review documents. Cabinet report dated 4 August 2005.

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bryan Myers.

Main consultees and means of consultation: Statutory and public consultation.

When and how to make representations: To John Wade, Environment. Tel: 0191 383 3732.

Reference number: Env/EN/01/06

Date of decision (ie date of Cabinet meeting): Cabinet 9 March 2006.

Description of decision to be made: Reporting outcome of Local Transport Plan (LTP) capital settlement for 2006/07 from Government Office North East.

Background documents: LTP2 provisional version Annual Performance Review 5, LTP1.

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bob Pendlebury.

Main consultees and means of consultation: None.

When and how to make representations: To Harris Harvey, Environment. Tel: 0191 383 3459.

Reference number: Env/EN/02/06

Date of decision (ie date of Cabinet meeting): Cabinet 23 March 2006.

Description of decision to be made: Seeking approval for the final LTP2 prior to submission to Department for Transport on 31 March 2006.

Background documents: DfT guidance on the preparation of the Local Transport Plan LTP2 provisional and consultation versions. LTP2 consultation response document.

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bob Pendlebury.

Main consultees and means of consultation: Consultation with the public in March/April 2005.

When and how to make representations: To Harris Harvey, Environment. Tel: 0191 383 3459.

Reference number: Env/EN/05/06

Date of decision (ie date of Cabinet meeting): Cabinet 6 April 2006.

Description of decision to be made: Seeking approval to adopt the principles of the revised Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management including adoptions/exceptions to the code required to meet local circumstances.

Background documents: UK Roads Board Road Division Group Code of Practice for Highway Maintenance Management 'Well Maintained Highways' July 2005.

Lead Cabinet member: Councillor Bob Pendlebury.

Main consultees and means of consultation: None.

When and how to make representations: To Geoff Race, Environment. Tel: 0191 383 4133.