

REPORT TO: Urban Renewal Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 17th June 2009

REPORTING OFFICER: Strategic Director, Environment

SUBJECT: Policy & Performance Board Topic Issues Work Programme 2009/2010

WARDS: Borough-wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 The meeting of this Board on 21st. January 2009 agreed the Topic Issues which it wished to pursue in 2009/10. This report seeks approval to the draft Topic Briefs covering those issues then selected and asks Members to consider the membership of the relevant Topic Groups.

2.0 RECOMMENDED: That

- (1) Members of the Policy and Performance Board agree details of the Topic Briefs which have been considered by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board; and**
- (3) consideration be given to the composition of each Topic Group.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1.1 Each year the PPB identifies a number of areas that it intends to scrutinise in detail as part of its work programme for the year.

3.1.2 At the meeting of the Board on 21st. January 2008 it was agreed that the topics to be considered in 2009/10 would be:

- A joint group with Employment and Skills on Workforce and Skills for the Science industry, focusing on Daresbury; Lead Officer - Siobhan Saunders (Economic Regeneration).
- Additionally, all Members are invited to attend the Local Development Framework Working Party (continuation).

3.1.3 A Draft Topic Brief has been written for the new Science Skills topic and discussed with the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board. It is attached as Appendix 1 for consideration.

3.1.4 Members are asked to consider and agree this Brief, and to agree the composition and membership of all the Topic Groups.

3.1.5 Topic Groups will meet through the 2009-10 Council year and be expected to report back to this Board at its last meeting of the year.

4.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

4.1 None at this stage.

5.0 OTHER IMPLICATIONS

5.1 None at this stage

6.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

6.1 There are no background papers within the meaning of the Act.