

**Report to:** Communities and Neighbourhoods Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To provide information about relevant issues affecting the Committee's remit to aid Members to manage their work programmes.

**2. Recommendation**

2.1 The Committee is requested to consider the topics highlighted in the report and either:

- Note the information
- Request further details
- Add the item to the Committee's Work Programme

**3. Contact Officer:**

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**4. Suggestions for the Work Programme**

There have been no suggestions received this month. A copy of the latest Work Programme is attached for information.

## 5. Monitoring Previous Recommendations

Date	Item	Recommendation	Action	Contact Officer
16 October 2007	CN/07/30 Affordable Housing	To endorse the report and to authorise the Chair to enter into discussions with the Executive Members for Environment and Housing with a view to identifying an area in East Manchester where a sub group can carry out an in depth investigation and review of the Councils policies and practices in relation to housing and development including member input, land use, planning controls and development agreements and the outcome of these in terms of impact on local communities.	The first meeting of this group will be 17 January 2007 at 9:00 in Committee Room 6.	Courtney Brightwell
13 November 2007	CN/07/34 Community Events	To set up a Sub Group of Members (names to be nominated to the Chair) to look in further detail at arrangements for support to community events, including the establishment of a joint forum and shared data/resource base and a joint Manchester event/festival which would involve all communities across the city.	Membership of the Sub Group has been agreed and a first meeting is being prepared.	Courtney Brightwell
11 December 2007	CN/07/41 Accessible Neighbourhoods – footpaths and highways	To thank the community representatives and the officers for their useful contribution to the Committee's consideration of the issue; to recognise the good work that has already been done in terms of promoting access issues but to accept that this needs to be built upon further with the Council taking a much more pro-active approach to enforcement particularly in relation to the proliferation of A-boards and to better consultation with Greater Manchester Passenger Transport Executive	Reported to the Head of Engineering Services	Chris Barber

		<p>in terms of the location of bus shelters</p> <p>To request the officers to report further on the issues raised in relation to cycling on the footway where there are no alternative facilities for cyclists, and the measures that might be taken to safeguard the interests and safety of pedestrians where shared use is proposed.</p> <p>To note the views expressed about pavement parking, to acknowledge the need for pavement parking in locations where there is no feasible alternative subject to this being properly managed so as to ensure safe access for pedestrians with prams/wheelchairs, and to this end to support the promotion of a By-Law that would ensure that the Council and its partners had the powers to effectively control pavement parking in designated areas.</p> <p>To agree to return to scrutinise issues in relation to the reinstatement of highways/footways following disturbance by utility companies at a future time.</p>		
11 December 2007	CN/07/43 Waterways	To welcome the sustained improvements being achieved in the water quality of Manchester's watercourses, to recognise that more needs to be done by the Council and its partners, and, to this end, to invite the Chief Executive of British Waterways to attend our next meeting to explore approaches to the various issues of concern regarding the stewardship of our waterways raised during this meeting.	An invitation to the Chief Executive of British Waterways has been extended for this meeting.	Mike Reardon

		meeting.  To request the officers to report on the cost implications of mounting a progressive clean-up of land along the course of all the city's watercourses, and for this to be considered when relevant business plans and budgets for 2008/9 are scrutinised.	The relevant Business Plan summaries are provided in this agenda.	
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**6. Forward Planning**

Relevant extracts from the Executive Forward Plan

Anticipated date of decision	Item	Decision Maker
16 January 2008	Housing Investment Options – Programme Update	Executive
January or later	Heaton Park Partnership Arrangements	Executive

**7. Items for Information Only**

**There are no items for information.**