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REPORT OF VICE-CHAIR

COUNCILLOR JUNE MARTLEW

The Committee has for the past few months been dealing with a number of important Best Value Reviews, for example "Planning", "Supporting Communities" and "Waste Management".

Subject Reviews include "Environmental Performance of the Council" to look into ways in which the Council itself can increase its environmental performance and save money at the same time.

At the next Meeting of the Committee "United Utilities" have been invited to give a short presentation outlining their planned works in various parts of the city over the next year. This will be followed by a question and answer session. An invitation has been extended to all Elected Members to attend the presentation, which the Committee feels will be of interest, especially Ward Members in the affected locations.

Members will note from the Minutes of the Meeting of Infrastructure Overview & Scrutiny on 11 September, that some concern was expressed about the lack of response from the Executive on an item which was referred to it. In general terms, it would greatly help the work of the Overview and Scrutiny if due weight was given to its recommendations or suggestions, and if the Executive, for one reason or another are unable to act or respond positively, then a reason needs to be given.

Councillor June Martlew Vice-Chair Infrastructure Overview and Scrutiny Committee