

**REGENERATION SCRUTINY AND PERFORMANCE PANEL
WORK PROGRAMME 2011/12**

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ITEM	DESCRIPTION
Markets Working Group	To lead on the development of evidence based recommendations for the future of Walsall Market in a redeveloped town centre.
Business Start Ups	To consider the quality, delivery and availability of initial advice available to local residents when they are considering establishing a business. Is what is currently available fit for purpose or are improvements required?
Developing soft skills in young people for the work place	Feedback from employers has indicated that improvements in young people's 'soft skills' such as communication and attitude are required. The Panel wishes to understand what schools and colleges are doing to prepare young people for the work place to complement the delivery of academic and vocational qualifications.
Growing the creative industries employment sector	To understand the needs and requirements necessary to increase the size of the creative industries employment sector in Walsall. This is currently a niche area.
Public Sector Property Mapping	To consider proposals on how local public sector employers can use their property assets more efficiently including the possibilities of shared office space.
Monitoring the recommendations of the 'Creating and Sustaining Business Working Groups'	To monitor progress and hold Cabinet to account regarding the recommendations made by the working group during 2011/12.
Building Control Service Outsourcing	To consider the outcome of an options appraisal on the possibility of the controls Planning and Development Control Service being operated by an external company in partnership with Birmingham City Council.
Quarterly Financial Monitoring	To take an overview of revenue and capital spending in the Regeneration Directorate.
2013/14 Budget Setting	To contribute to the agreement of the 2013/14 draft budget by providing critical friend challenge.

