

Agenda

Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board

Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 10.00 am
County Hall, Worcester

All County Councillors are invited to attend and participate

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DISCLOSING INTERESTS

There are now 2 types of interests:
'Disclosable pecuniary interests' and **'other disclosable interests'**

WHAT IS A 'DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST' (DPI)?

- Any **employment**, office, trade or vocation carried on for profit or gain
- **Sponsorship** by a 3rd party of your member or election expenses
- Any **contract** for goods, services or works between the Council and you, a firm where you are a partner/director, or company in which you hold shares
- Interests in **land** in Worcestershire (including licence to occupy for a month or longer)
- **Shares** etc (with either a total nominal value above £25,000 or 1% of the total issued share capital) in companies with a place of business or land in Worcestershire.

NB Your DPIs include the interests of your spouse/partner as well as you

WHAT MUST I DO WITH A DPI?

- **Register** it within 28 days and
- **Declare** it where you have a DPI in a matter at a particular meeting
 - you must **not participate** and you **must withdraw**.

NB It is a criminal offence to participate in matters in which you have a DPI

WHAT ABOUT 'OTHER DISCLOSABLE INTERESTS'?

- No need to register them but
- You must **declare** them at a particular meeting where:
You/your family/person or body with whom you are associated have a **pecuniary interest** in or **close connection** with the matter under discussion.

WHAT ABOUT MEMBERSHIP OF ANOTHER AUTHORITY OR PUBLIC BODY?

You will not normally even need to declare this as an interest. The only exception is where the conflict of interest is so significant it is seen as likely to prejudice your judgement of the public interest.

DO I HAVE TO WITHDRAW IF I HAVE A DISCLOSABLE INTEREST WHICH ISN'T A DPI?

Not normally. You must withdraw only if it:

- affects your **pecuniary interests OR** relates to a **planning or regulatory** matter
- **AND** it is seen as likely to **prejudice your judgement** of the public interest.

DON'T FORGET

- If you have a disclosable interest at a meeting you must **disclose both its existence and nature** – 'as noted/recorded' is insufficient
- **Declarations must relate to specific business** on the agenda
 - General scattergun declarations are not needed and achieve little
- Breaches of most of the **DPI provisions** are now **criminal offences** which may be referred to the police which can on conviction by a court lead to fines up to £5,000 and disqualification up to 5 years
- Formal **dispensation** in respect of interests can be sought in appropriate cases.

Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board Tuesday, 18 July 2017, 10.00 am, County Hall, Worcester

Membership

Councillors:

Mr C J Bloore (Chairman), Mrs E A Eyre (Vice Chairman), Mr A A J Adams, Mrs J A Brunner, Mr P Middlebrough, Mrs F M Oborski, Mr C B Taylor and Mr P A Tuthill

Co-opted Church Representatives (for education matters)

Bryan Allbut (Church of England)

Parent Governor Representatives (for education matters)

Ms C Richardson (Parent Governor) and Vacancy (Secondary)

Agenda

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1	Apologies and Welcome	
2	Declaration of Interest and of any Party Whip	
3	Public Participation Members of the public wishing to take part should notify the Head of Legal and Democratic Services in writing or by e-mail indicating the nature and content of their proposed participation no later than 9.00am on the working day before the meeting (in this case 17 July 2017). Enquiries can be made through the telephone number/e-mail address below.	
4	Confirmation of the Minutes of the Previous Meeting (previously circulated)	
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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 18 JULY 2017

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONERS: FIRE AND RESCUE FUNCTIONS

Purpose

1. The Board is asked to consider the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) draft initial business case for the joint governance of Police and Fire and Rescue services in Hereford and Worcester and Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin and agree what comments it would wish to forward to Council for its Meeting on 14 September 2017.

Background

2. At its last meeting, the Board asked to consider the consultation by the Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia for the joint governance of Police and Fire and Rescue services in Hereford and Worcester, Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin and the PCC was invited to the Meeting.

Fire and Rescue Governance Proposals

3. The PCC for West Mercia has launched a three month consultation of proposals for the joint governance of Police and Fire and Rescue Services in Hereford and Worcester and Shropshire and Telford and Wrekin.
4. The Council is a consultee.
5. This report sets out the background to the issue for members of the Board.

Legal implications: Policing and Crime Act 2017

6. The Policing and Crime Act 2017 introduces a process where the governance of the Fire and Rescue Authority can be taken over by the Police and Crime Commissioner.
7. It also places a statutory duty on the police, fire and rescue and emergency ambulance services to keep collaboration opportunities under review and to collaborate where it is agreed that this would be in the interests of their efficiency and effectiveness.
8. Guidance on the duty to collaborate is expected this year but has not yet been produced.
9. In short, the Act enables the following:
 - Police and Crime Commissioners (PCCs) can make proposals to take over fire authority responsibilities within their police area;

- PCCs prepare a business case and must consult with constituent fire authorities;
- The Secretary of State decides on proposals;
- If a local authority does not support the proposal, the Secretary of State must arrange for an independent review of the proposals;
- The Government say they will only enable police and fire functions to be brought together under a PCC where there is a strong local case to do so.

Options for Changes in Governance

10. The Act sets out two options for how the change in governance can be achieved:

- (a) The "governance" model – where the Fire and Rescue and Police services remain as distinct organisations, with a Chief Fire Officer and a Chief Constable continuing to have operational responsibility for their services. The existing Fire and Rescue Authority would be abolished.
- (b) The "single employer model" allows the Police and Crime Commissioner to delegate fire and rescue functions to a Chief Constable or "Chief Officer" who would employ both police and fire personnel.

11. Explanatory notes to the Act state that the Government will only enable police and fire functions to be brought together under a Police and Crime Commissioner "where there is a strong local case to do so". The Secretary of State decides on proposals and has the power to make an order to make the PCC the Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) for the area the order covers, creating a PCC-style FRA. This preserves the legal identity of the fire and rescue service.

Preparing a business case and consultation

12. The process to be followed by a PCC in preparing a business case is set out in the Act and a diagram of this is attached at Appendix 1. The PCC must consult with people in the West Mercia area, each County Council whose area contains all or part of the Fire and Rescue Authority affected or proposed to be created by the order and personnel affected locally by the proposals.

13. The business case (reference Appendix 2) must show why it is in the interests of the economy, efficiency and effectiveness or in the interests of public safety for the PCC to take on the responsibilities of the fire and rescue authorities. A business case for the "single employer" model should meet the same tests.

14. The business case must relate to a police area which matches the fire and rescue authority (FRA) area and can involve more than one FRA. A PCC cannot be in charge of only some of the existing FRAs in their area. In West Mercia's case, if the business case was successful, all the FRAs would be abolished and transferred into the PCC-style FRA.

15. If a relevant local authority (this means an "upper tier" authority) does not support the PCC's proposal, the business case can still be submitted to the Secretary of State, but must include copies of the consultation material and be accompanied by representations made by local authorities. The Secretary of State then obtains an independent assessment of the proposal.

Supporting Information

Appendix 1: Business Case process map

Appendix 2: PCC Consultation pack (copies circulated to Members of the Board and available online: <https://www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk/working-together/west-mercia-fire-governance-consultation/>)

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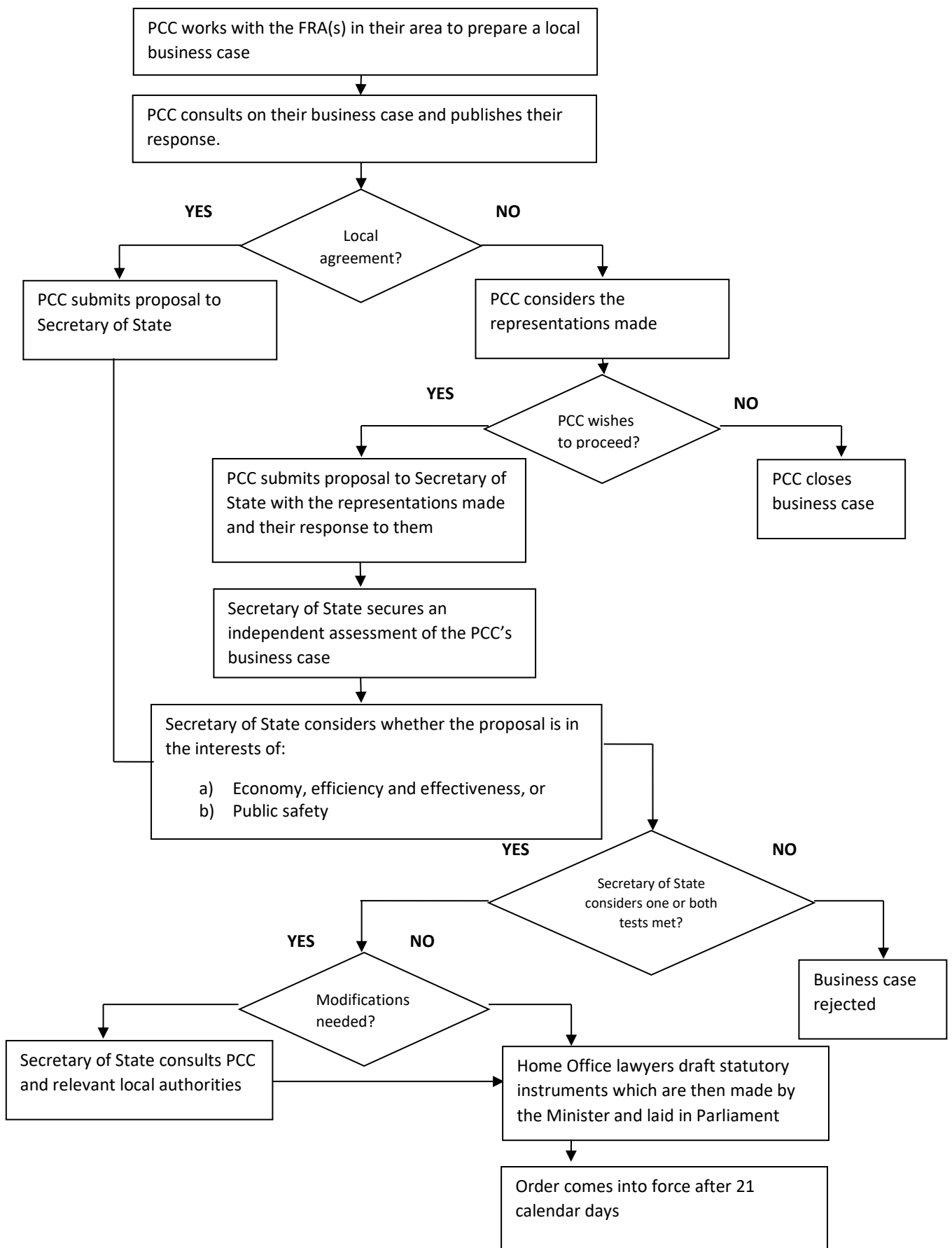
Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and Minutes of the West Mercia Police and Crime Panel on 19 June 2017
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Business case process map



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OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PERFORMANCE BOARD 18 JULY 2017

DEVELOPING A SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Summary

1. The Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board (OSPB) is asked to:
 - consider the reports from Panel Chairmen on Panels' discussions on potential work programme topics;
 - determine its Scrutiny Work Programme for 2017/18 to be considered by full Council.

Developing a Scrutiny Work Programme

2. At the start of the new Council, Overview and Scrutiny Members will wish to develop a scrutiny work programme that will be considered by full Council in due course.
3. Members are reminded that the Council's constitution includes a requirement for the OSPB – using the Panels where appropriate – to receive, comment and advise on the Council's policy framework.
4. In determining its Scrutiny Work Programme, the Board needs to take into account a number of points.

2016/17 Scrutiny Work Programme

5. In May 2016, the County Council considered and agreed the 2016/17 Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme. Subsequently in March 2017, the OSPB considered progress against this Work Programme and agreed that an update on work still to be completed should be passed to the new OSPB following the May elections, with a recommendation that the new OSPB should consider the initiatives highlighted by the 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group and the other issues which had not been completed in 2016/17.
6. The 2016/17 Work Programme, including an update on progress against each issue is attached as Appendix 1.
7. Although this has been used as a starting point for discussions with Overview and Scrutiny Panels, and Members may find these suggestions helpful as a guide, the OSPB and Panels are free to suggest other priorities.

The Views of Overview and Scrutiny Panels and HOSC

8. On 19 June 2017, OSPB agreed that Panel and HOSC Chairmen should bring forward initial proposals to this meeting, following discussion with Panel Members. In doing this, they were asked to suggest ideas that are 'forward looking' and that will allow scrutiny to influence policy as it is developed. The views of the Panels are attached as Appendix 2.

Budget Scrutiny Task Group

9. The 2017/18 Budget Scrutiny Task Group identified the following initiatives that may help to bridge the forecast financial planning gap:

- Trading of intellectual assets
- Use of assistive technology
- Sale and leaseback of Council property
- Investment in key worker housing via the Revolving Door Investment Fund
- Sale of small pieces of Council-owned land
- Residents zonal parking schemes and additional car parks
- The Council's role in post-Brexit subsidy mechanisms for rural activities.

10. The Task Group also recommended that Overview and Scrutiny should be supported to look into these areas as a priority following County Council elections in May 2017 in order to identify further potential savings.

11. The Board should therefore consider the priority of these issues.

Additional Issues

12. Members may also wish to note the following:

- On 12 October 2016, OSPB agreed that the following should be included on the scrutiny work programme following the 2017 elections:
 - Sexual violence and rape
 - Cycleways
 - Highways Winter service policy
- At the Board's meeting on 18 January 2017, following a discussion on equalities and diversity, the following issues were suggested for the 2017/18 work programme:
 - Disability/SEN employment (Adult Care and Well-Being O&S Panel)
 - Rural isolation and access to services
 - Economic and social deprivation and access to services.

Sexual violence and rape

13. During OSPB's discussion of the Annual Worcestershire County Council Community Safety report on 13 September 2016, there was a focus on support for victims of sexual violence and rape. It was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Lead Member for Crime and Disorder and the Chairman of HOSC would consider what, if any, further scrutiny was required in respect of support services in relation to sexual violence and rape.

14. Following the May 2017 elections, the Lead Member for Crime and Disorder has further considered the priority of this item and his views are attached as Appendix 3.

Forward Plan

15. The Board will wish to take into account any issues arising from the Council's Forward Plan which is attached at Appendix 4.

16. The latest version of the Plan (available at the time of Agenda despatch) is routinely considered at each meeting of OSPB.

Directorate Specific Information

17. Cabinet Member and Director Briefings attended by scrutiny lead members will also help identify suitable items for Scrutiny Panels to follow up, for example, forthcoming important public consultations.

Issues suitable for scrutiny

18. On 19 June 2017, the OSPB agreed to continue using the set of criteria listed below to help determine its scrutiny programme. A topic does not need to meet all of these criteria in order to be scrutinised, but they are intended as a guide for prioritisation.

- Is the issue a priority area for the Council?
- Is it a key issue for local people?
- Will it be practicable to implement the outcomes of the scrutiny?
- Are improvements for local people likely?
- Does it examine a poor performing service?
- Will it result in improvements to the way the Council operates?
- Is it related to new Government guidance or legislation?

Supporting Information

Appendix 1: Items previously suggested as issues for scrutiny

Appendix 2: The views of the Overview & Scrutiny Panels

Appendix 3: Sexual Violence and Rape: the views of the Lead Member for Crime and Disorder

Appendix 4: Forward Plan

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Background Papers

In the opinion of the proper officer (in this case the Head of Legal and Democratic Services) the following are the background papers relating to the subject matter of this report:

- Agenda and Minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board, 10 September 2009, and 19 June 2017
- The Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

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2016/17 SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board		Progress to date
Task Group Reviews	<p>Bus Transport Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socially Necessary Services Definition • £1.6 Million Bus Subsidy • Diamond Bus Service • Recent Bus Service Cut • Transport Strategy <p>Sexual Violence and Rape</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the responsibilities of the County Council and Partners? • Who provides support services and funding? • Could we provide a better service in Worcestershire? <p>Can Worcestershire County Council do more around environmental mitigation?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buying future energy supply • Could we look to provide energy supply? • What is the culture of the organisation and how does WCC strategically mitigate environmental issues? 	<p>The Economy and Environment O&S Panel received a presentation on bus services in May 2016. An in depth scrutiny wasn't carried out as there was some work being carried out by Wychavon DC which the Vice-Chairman planned to update the Board on prior to carrying out further scrutiny.</p> <p>This issue was the focus of the annual crime and disorder meeting in September 2016, the Chairman and Vice-chairman agreed to consider whether this was a priority for further in-depth scrutiny being undertaken at a future date.</p> <p>Not done</p>
Standing items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Work Programme and Cabinet Forward Plan • Call-ins • Panel/Committee Updates • Leader of Council Q&A • Crime and Disorder Annual meeting • Corporate Plan Refresh • Budget Scrutiny Process 	<p>At each OSPB meeting. 1 July and 21 October 2016</p> <p>At each OSPB meeting. 21 April 2016 13 September 2016 12 October 2016 Scrutiny task group report agreed on 26 January 2017</p>

Priority Areas/Themes for the Work Programme:		
1.	<p>How effective are Worcestershire County Council communication mechanisms?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councils use of social media • Highways • Communicating to Public, Officers and Councillors 	Work undertaken by Vice Chairman of OSPB.
2.	Equalities & Disability: How well do we meet our statutory duties?	Discussed by OSPB on 23 June 2016 and 18 January 2017.
3.	Complaints Reporting – is it fit for purpose?	Not done
4.	<p>Commissioning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability of commissioned services to the Council, Elected Members, service users and the Public • How is accountability address in the commissioning process? How is it covered in contracts and tendering? • Quality Assurance 	Work undertaken by Vice Chairman of OSPB

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee:		
Issues c/f from 2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire • Administration/Patient Records to be included as part of GP appointments • Training/Recruitment of Clinicians • Process in relation to the closure of St Johns Dental Practice 	<p>Updates at meetings in April, July and September 2016, and February 2017</p> <p>Processes around GP appointments / Access to Primary Care (April 2017)</p> <p>Not done</p> <p>Dentistry Services in Worcestershire, including lessons learned from St John's dental practice (December 2016). Update suggested for future date.</p>
1.	<p>Is Mental Health provision in Worcestershire fit for purpose?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What treatments are provided? • Is local need identified and addressed? • What alternatives to medication are provided? 	Some elements discussed as part of plans for adult mental health transformation (March and July 2016)
2.	<p>Health Accountability: CCGs, GPs and Health & Wellbeing Board</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is the CCGs held to account? • How are GPs in the County held to account? • How is the Health & Wellbeing Board held to account? • What is the role HOSC in holding these bodies to account? 	Not done, however processes for appointments with GPs were discussed in April 2017
3.	<p>Maternity, Neonatal and Gynaecology Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of 'temporary' change in service provision • Direction of travel • Is proposed service fit for purpose? 	Covered during updates on the Future of Acute Hospital Services in Worcestershire (see above), and also updates about the quality of acute hospital services and impact of the temporary changes in April, July, and November 2016, and February 2017.
4.	<p>Public Health</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What role can Public Health play in preventing and managing demand for social care and health services? 	No specific scrutiny but partly covered during discussions on: Reductions to the Public Health Ring-fenced Grant (June 2016), e-cigarettes (July 2016), Sexual Health Services (July 2016) fast food outlets, Dentistry and Pharmacy (December 2016)
Standing items	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Substantial Variation considerations 	Temporary Changes to Inpatient Paediatric Services (July 2016), Community Specialist Rehabilitation Stroke Services (December 2016) Wyre Forest Community Unit (September 2016), Sexual Health Services (July 2016), Changes to Commissioning Policies affecting Hip and Knee Replacement Surgery (April 2017)

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality Accounts 	Not considered due to the number of changes in HOSC membership
Additional items (not on original work programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • E-cigarettes • Public Health Ring-fenced Grant • Radiology – following Care Quality Commission unannounced inspection • Sustainability and Transformation Plans • Pharmacy Services in Worcestershire • Fast Food Outlets and Health • West Midlands Ambulance Service Update 	<p>July 2016</p> <p>June 2016</p> <p>September 2016</p> <p>November 2016</p> <p>December 2016</p> <p>December 2016</p> <p>January 2017</p>

Adult Care and Wellbeing Overview and Scrutiny Panel:		
1.	Care Provider Market – vital review continues	Findings discussed in March 2016, with the Directorate and care providers
2.	Care Act Obligations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the Council meeting its obligations 	Update provided in October 2016
3.	Technology in Care <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of successful IT across the health and care sector with a view to showing success against:- supporting people to stay at home, promoting independence, increasing quality of life, reducing the cost of care and protecting personal dignity. The claim is always that IT increases the potential for loneliness, is this correct? 	No specific work, but an update on the Council's 'Your life your choice' website for Adult Services and Health was given in May 2016 and a further update suggested for 12 months' time.
4.	Homecare <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is the current service provided by WCC and commissioned out services fit for purpose? 	No specific session, but some areas raised as part of discussions about Futurefit proposals and the review of the care market
5.	Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of transition from Children Services to Adult Services 	Looked at on 21 June, jointly with the Children and Families OSP
Standing item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Management Corporate Plan Refresh Safeguarding Budget Scrutiny Process 	<p>Specific session on performance relating to successful completion of treatment for opiate users in March 2016</p> <p>Worcestershire Safeguarding Adults Board annual report in March</p> <p>FutureFit and Medium Term Financial Plan discussed in November</p>
Additional items (not on original work programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learning Disability Day Services Social Impact Bonds Employment opportunities for adults with learning disabilities Social work with adults – strength-based approach 	<p>May 2016</p> <p>July 2016 – further update suggested for 12 months' time</p> <p>March 2017</p> <p>March 2017</p>

Children & Families Overview and Scrutiny Panel:		
Issues c/f from 2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Poverty and Health Inequalities • Private Children's Homes and Fostering Agencies 	Not done Not done
1.	Vulnerable Children <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child employment and labour • Education at home • CSE 	Not done CSE discussed as part of WSCB Annual Report August 2016.
2.	0-19 Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Starting well service • Children's centres • What will be future service provision? 	Discussed on 15 July and 31 August 2016 and 13 March 2017.
3.	Pupil Referral Units <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of current provision of service and how it is delivered • Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties • Alternative provision 	Not done
4.	Social Work <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issues within current service provision • Performance of agency staff • Social Workers moral and support • Recruitment and retention • Caseloads 	No specific scrutiny undertaken but issues discussed on 11 May (Update on Back to Basics Improvement Plan), 31 August (WSCB Annual Report) and 22 November (Children's Social Care Safeguarding Assurance Update).
5.	How can Worcestershire County Council help improve the Educational Attainment of Children in Disadvantaged Areas	Not done
Standing item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Corporate Plan Refresh • Safeguarding • Budget Scrutiny Process 	Discussed at OSPB on 12 October 2016 WSCB Annual Report considered 31 August 2016 FutureFit and MTFP discussed 22 November 2016
To note:	Home to school transport issue referred to the existing Bus Services Task Group Review	

Corporate & Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel:		
Issues c/f from 2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To consider how the County Council, with the help of other agencies, can provide help and assistance to the CAB in the County to ensure its future sustainability and survival Corporate Finance Issues and Processes 	Not done Not done
1.	Worcestershire County Council Workforce <ul style="list-style-type: none"> What future skills/roles does the Council need? What skills gap exists? Does WCC pay and reward effectively? Does WCC have a strong succession management system? Does WCC recruit the required talent and behaviour? Do WCC Managers support a performance driven culture based on achieving the best outcomes for the people of Worcestershire? Are the corporate values embedded across the organisation? 	Not done
2.	What can Worcestershire County Council do to maximise income generation?	Not done
3.	How can Worcestershire County Council support Local Business? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Can Worcestershire County Council use Social Value Act to procure services locally? 	Discussed on 24 January 2017. It was agreed that this was an area requiring more in-depth scrutiny and should be added to the post-election work programme.
4.	Worcestershire County Council use of Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Accountability of the Place Partnership How do we use our property? Review of capital monies and property 	28 September and 15 November 2016. It was agreed that a Scrutiny of Smallholdings, revisiting the purpose of smallholdings should be added to the Scrutiny Work Programme.
5.	Culture: How can we utilise the Culture of Worcestershire to maximise the benefit to the County? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Analysis of cultural offering and how it can be improved Role of Council and partners Funding opportunities – are they being utilised? 	Not done.

Standing item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Corporate Plan Refresh • Budget Scrutiny Process 	Discussed at OSPB on 12 October. Discussed on 15 November 2016.
Additional items (not on original work programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future Proposed Changes to Library Opening Hours • Information Technology – HP contract 	25 May and 13 July 2016 Suggested as an additional item on 25 May 2016 but not yet considered.

Economy & Environment Overview and Scrutiny Panel:		
Issues c/f from 2015/16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Highways Development Control Department – Section 278s/106's • Transport Planning • Abbey Bridge – Lessons Learned 	<p>Discussion in July 2016 and informal update in March 2017</p> <p>Some elements discussed through January 2017 session on the draft Local Transport Plan 4</p> <p>Not done</p>
1.	<p>Annual review of the Worcestershire LEP's contribution to all sectors of Worcestershire's economy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accountability, remit, resources and performance • Relationship with partners • Agriculture and Tourism economies 	To be arranged after elections
2.	<p>How to improve getting around the County</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Congestion • Roadwork's • Cycling, footways, footpaths and bridle paths • Public transport 	Some elements covered as part of the update on major infrastructure schemes (May 2016) and the draft Local Transport Plan 4, in January 2017
3.	<p>Flooding and External Partners</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Role of Severn Trent & Environment Agency 	November 2016
Standing item	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance Management • Corporate Plan Refresh • Budget Scrutiny Process • Flood Risk Management Annual Report • Broadband Update 	<p>FutureFit and Medium Term Financial Plan discussed in November 2016</p> <p>November 2016</p> <p>October 2016, and informal update in March 2017</p>
Additional items (not on original work programme)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport and access to hospital – referred by the Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee 	May 2016

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Items for inclusion on the 2017/18 scrutiny work programme – the views of the Overview and Scrutiny Panels

During June and July, Overview and Scrutiny Panels have been asked to consider what items they would wish to include on the 2017/18 Scrutiny Work Programme, using the updated 2016/17 work programme as a starting point. The following includes responses to date.

All Panels will also have 'Standing items' to consider such as Performance Management, Budget Scrutiny and Safeguarding (Adults and Children's).

Adult Care and Well-Being O&S Panel

Panel members made the following suggestions:

- Three Conversation model (new model for social work)
- Outcome-based Commissioning – homecare and care providers
- Staffing – sickness, recruitment, retention and agency spend
- Isolation
- Prevention work and its success in keeping people independent – possible task group
- Technology in care?

Children and Families O&S Panel

Panel Members wished the main focus of the Panel's work to remain on the follow up to the Ofsted report and the implementation of the Service Improvement Plan, and have agreed that this should be a standing item on all future agendas. An additional meeting has been arranged for 14 August to include an initial discussion on this issue. In this context, Panel Members have highlighted the following particular concerns:

- The workload of social workers; and
- The need to consider comparative figures in relation to performance of agency staff, recruitment and retention, and caseloads.

Members also wished to include the following items on the 2017/18 work programme:

- Child employment and labour
- Education at home
- 0-19 service (Children's Centres)
- Alternative provision
- The performance of Babcock Prime (with a particular focus on performance at KS2)

Corporate and Communities O&S Panel

Members have suggested the following as items for the 2017/18 work programme:

- Worcestershire County Council Use of Property (Place Partnership)
- Worcestershire County Council Workforce – including cultural change to support transformation

- What can WCC do to maximise income generation?
- How can WCC support Local Business?
- Culture: How can we utilise the culture of Worcestershire to maximise the benefit to the County?
- Information sharing with District Councils.
- Councillor IT
- Road safety (particularly around schools)
- Commissioning – How do we manage and ensure value for money and quality service?
- Communications – How do we ensure residents have easy access and we communicate service levels? WCC brand.

Economy and Environment O&S Panel

The following issues have been suggested by Members of the Panel:

- Footways
- Cycle paths
- Highways development control – improving joined-up working (task group?)
- Worcestershire LEP
- How to improve getting around the county
- Local Transport Plan 4 – how plans are implemented
- Cleaning programme for gulleys and drains
- Asset management
- Transport and access to hospitals
- Buses (task group?)
- Evesham's Abbey Bridge – lessons learned
- Budget scrutiny (mini task group of panel members)
- Flood risk management
- Broadband update

Transitions

On 21 June a joint meeting of the Adult Care and Well-being O&S Panel and the Children and Families O&S Panel was held to discuss issues relating to the transition between Children's and Adult Services. Following the meeting, Members expressed an interest in setting up a scrutiny task group to investigate further. The Chairmen of both Panels have met with Officers to start the scoping process.

In light of the discussion at the meeting of OSPB on 16 September 2016, it was agreed that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Lead Member for Crime and Disorder and the Chairman of HOSC would consider what if any further scrutiny was required in respect of support services in relation to Sexual Violence And Rape and report back to the Board.

Consideration of the Sexual Violence and Rape has not yet been subject to further Scrutiny. Sexual Violence and Rape is horrendous for the victims, their family and the community as a whole and it is important that appropriate discussion takes place to consider support for victims and rehabilitation of perpetrators.

Taking the agreed criteria for determining the work programme, the table below makes initial comments on whether a scrutiny led by the County Council is appropriate.

CRITERIA	Comment
Is the issue a priority area for the Council?	It is not a policy priority
Is it a key issue for local people?	It has not been identified in surveys as a key issue
Will it be practicable to implement the outcomes of the scrutiny?	Reliant on the police and justice system, victim support and housing agencies
Are improvements for local people likely?	A scrutiny should help the victims of violence
Does it examine a poor performing service?	Not directly for the County Council
Will it result in improvements to the way the Council operates?	Unlikely
Is it related to new Government guidance or legislation?	No

Therefore the criteria do not highlight an exercise on Sexual Violence and Rape as being a priority for Scrutiny for the County Council. This is disappointing and on this occasion the Board should consider if and how the subject can be brought forward for Members to understand whether there are actions that the County Council can take to reduce Sexual Violence and Rape and support victims.

Recommendation

The OSPB will consider the annual Worcestershire County Council Community Safety Report in September 2017. This year there should be a focus on the how changes to delivery of services by the agencies involved have impacted on the level of Sexual Violence and Rape and support for victims across the County.

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FORWARD PLAN

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Severn Arts to be established as a Charitable Company in 2017 – Submission of full business plan <i>Cabinet Member Decision</i>	Week commencing 7 August 2017	10
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