

14 May 2015

9. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY – FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

Recommendation

1. **The Head of Legal and Democratic Services recommends that Council endorses the 2015/16 Scrutiny Work Programme.**

Background

2. Suggestions for future scrutiny topics have been sought from members and discussed with Directors and other relevant officers. The resulting proposed work programme was considered and agreed by the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board on 23 April 2015.
3. The work programme is attached as an Appendix to this report. It should be noted that several of the topics listed will be best carried out as in-depth Scrutiny Task Groups.

Supporting Papers

Appendix – Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16

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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 background papers relate to the subject matter of this report:

Agenda and Minutes of:

- the Overview and Scrutiny Performance Board held on 23 April 2015

APPENDIX
Overview and Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16

**Cross Cutting Issues*

OSPB

Issue	Suggested Date
Archive and Archaeology scrutiny report	April 2015
Agreeing scrutiny work programme	April 2015 and as necessary
Scrutiny reports	Ongoing
Call-ins	As necessary
Meeting with LEP Chairman	June 2015
Annual Crime and Disorder meeting/report back on Reducing Crime Against People at Risk	July 2015
Corporate Performance Monitoring*	July 2015
2016/17 Budget*	January 2016
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*	TBA
Public Health/Physical Activity/Olympic Legacy/Paralympics*	Scrutiny Task Group
Integration of health and adult social care* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How integrated are services at the moment? • What are the ideas and plans for increasing integration? • Are they likely to succeed? 	Scrutiny Task Group (Joint Adult/HOSC)

Adult Care and Well-Being Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Issue	Suggested Date
<p>Care provider market resilience and sustainability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess outcomes of planned review of local market • Capacity and resilience of residential care home provision • Are small care homes – e.g. for people with LD – sustainable in current financial climate? • Is the local homecare market sustainable? 	Autumn 2015
<p>Review of the Supported Living/Extra Care projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress so far • Further plans • Is there sufficient supported accommodation / Extra care housing (e.g. for people with learning disabilities)? 	TBA
<p>Personalisation/Impact of changes under Future Lives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How have the voluntary & community sector adapted to the changes? • Look at the number and range of providers on the e-marketplace and the range of choice they offer • Does customer journey being developed create opportunities for greater personalisation of adult social care services? • Is there any learning from progress so far that could be used to increase personalisation of children's social care services? 	TBA
<p>Winterbourne View outcomes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of progress against recommendations of Winterbourne View enquiry 	TBA

Children and Young People Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Issue	Date
Positive Activities	To feed back to July Cabinet
Children Missing and CSE	May 2015
Overview of LAC strategy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Numbers in system • Numbers leaving system • Budget issues • Complexity of system • Private children's homes and fostering agencies (for Worcestershire children) • Role of corporate parent 	June 2015
Education and skills - post-16 opportunities* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • careers advice • NEETS • links to Open for Business • vocational education 	Summer 2015
Worcestershire Safeguarding Children's Board – Annual Report 2014/15	September 2015
In-house fostering service	Update in Autumn 2015
Revision of Early Help Strategy (On same agenda as Redditch Connecting Families Pilot)	Autumn 2015
Redditch Connecting Families Pilot (On same agenda as Revision of Early Help Strategy) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Including social work 'pods' in schools 	Autumn 2015
Child poverty and health inequalities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • including childhood obesity 	
Future Governance of Worcestershire Youth Music Service	TBA

Issue	Date
Safeguarding of Children not in Mainstream Schooling: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative Providers • children not attending school through illness • home education • permanent exclusion 	
Update on Supporting People System work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data sharing with NHS 	TBA
CAMHS service re-design	June 2015?
Speech and Language Therapy service re-design - update	June 2015?
Children with Disabilities – Community Short Breaks service re-design - update	Summer 2015?
Commissioning of Learning and Achievement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • County Council relationship with academies 	April 2016
Private children's homes and private fostering agencies	

Economy, Environment and Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Issue	Date
Passenger Transport - Review of Bus Network following subsidy reductions from Sept 2014	May 2015
Superfast Broadband – update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superfast Broadband DEFRA/BDUK+ progress 	May 2015
Highways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Highway Maintenance Contract – update on progress • Satisfaction with road condition – update • Street Lighting – update on progress (plus alternative ways of funding LED Lighting) 	June 2015
Economic progress - briefing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worcestershire Business Central – update • role of Federation of Small Businesses and Chamber of Commerce in supporting small/medium businesses) • Local Economic Multiplier – how council contracts might benefit local businesses • SEP projects (including Worcester Parkway) – update on progress 	September 2015
Superfast Broadband – annual update (as per BT Contract) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worcestershire's programme - are residents with cabinets in this County and an exchange in a different county being left to the back of the queue? 	September 2015
Flood Risk Management – annual report	November 2015
Trading Standards – update on progress	November 2015
Footways <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How is funding allocated and why? • Footway quality 	Scrutiny Task Group

<p>Transport Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How are transport plans reducing the impact of congestion and promoting transport alternatives in the main urban areas of the County (Worcester, Redditch/Bromsgrove and Kidderminster)? • Traffic flow modelling plans • Cycle infrastructure and how people are being encouraged to commute by bike • Approaches to resident parking schemes • Outcomes of Redditch 'Choose how you move' scheme 	<p>2016 Scrutiny Task Group</p>
<p>Highways Development Control department- Section 278s</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • is WCC asking for the right road infrastructure to be built at the right time to the satisfaction of the local residents and the developer? 	<p>2016</p>
<p>Climate Change</p>	<p>TBA</p>
<p>Abbey Bridge – Lessons learned</p>	<p>TBA</p>

Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Issue	Date
Quality Accounts	April 2015
Patient Flow	TBA
Primary Care <ul style="list-style-type: none">• commissioning of, cross-border issues, availability of appointments, capacity	TBA
Administration/Patient Records	TBA
Drug & Alcohol Treatment & Recovery	TBA
Training/recruitment of clinicians	TBA
Consultations on substantial service changes	Various as necessary

Resources Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Issue	Date
Staffing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the effects on staff performance, quality, and attitude of changes brought about by Smarter Working, including management delayering, Flexible and Mobile Working, better use of technology, training and support for Commissioning • How is the revised policy on sickness absence working corporately? 	May/June 2015
Commissioning Process <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update from Director and the Commercial Manager on the development of the Commercial Team • Performance of commissioned services - the Design Unit, ICT Managed Services and IBS Schools 	November 2015
Commissioning – Contracts* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nature of contracts the Council has with providers 	Scrutiny Task Group
Digital Inclusion* – further to the scrutiny report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor implementation of the strategy going forward • Review the quality, availability and take up of adult education courses on IT literacy 	TBA
Divisional Fund (including local members highways fund) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual report – OSPB to consider delegating to Resources Panel • Is giving money to local Members the best way to allocate funds 	TBA
Property <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JPV/Property/assets – update on progress to include discussion on Asset Disposal Strategy and local member involvement 	Later in 2015
Finance <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Finance Issues and Processes 	TBA
Branding and Reputation	TBA

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • how can scrutiny support World Class Worcestershire 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Briefings from Director on progress and future plans • Reports from Heads of Service/Senior officers on their areas: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Head of Human Resources – Head of Legal and Democratic Services – Strategic Commissioner – Service Transformation – the new Branding and Reputation Manager on publicising World Class Worcestershire – The Commercial Manager– this area was developing and changing • Briefing from the Senior Finance Manager – Financial Planning & Reporting on understanding the budgetary process generally, including budgetary control of commissioned services. 	All TBA