

**TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL**

**SCRUTINY LEADERSHIP BOARD – 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2010**

**UPDATE ON SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME**

**REPORT OF SCRUTINY MANAGER**

**1. PURPOSE**

1.1 To update Members on the Scrutiny Work Programme

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

**2.1 Members note the progress against the Scrutiny Work Programme as set out in Section 4 of this report.**

**3. PREVIOUS MINUTES**

3.1 20 January 2009 SLB - 13  
14 January 2010 SLB - 106

**4. SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2009/2010**

4.1 At the Scrutiny Leadership Board Meeting in January 2010 Members agreed the work programme that would be completed during the municipal year. It was agreed that the remaining in-depth reviews, spot light reviews and special interest meetings would be considered by SLB in May 2010. During this period changes in the Scrutiny Team and the Council restructure has limited the capacity to complete all the work identified.

4.2 The following Reviews have been completed:

- Section 106
- Bus Services
- Cluster arrangements and Locality Working
- Helping residents Access Benefits
- Developing Future Skills for Business

4.3 It is planned that the following Review and Special Interest Meetings will be completed by the end of the municipal year:

- Housing and Homelessness
- Domestic Violence

- Transition of Disabled Children
- Child Protection and Child Protection Plans

4.4 The remaining reviews, spot light reviews and special interest meetings are:

Indepth Reviews:

- End of Life Choices
- Waste Management including Bulk Collection
- Extended Schools and Healthy Communities
- Bringing together Health-Related Agencies
- Highway Infrastructure
- Services to Young People Outside School
- Accessibility for People with Disabilities / Older People
- Surface Drainage of water to Telford and Wrekin

Spot Light Reviews:

- Adoption of Roads and Green Spaces
- Keeping Elected Members Informed

Scrutiny Suggestions

Unauthorised Gypsies and travellers sites throughout the Borough  
Appointments for Doctors' surgeries

4.5 It was decided by Full Council on the 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010 that the Scrutiny arrangements will change during 2010 /11. The Interim Scrutiny Committee will meet early in the municipal year to discuss the working arrangements for 7 Scrutiny Committees based on the Council priorities and how future Scrutiny reviews will be managed within the resources available.

## **5.0. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY**

5.1 All Scrutiny Reviews and Special Interest Meetings will consider the equality and diversity implications of the issue under consideration.

## **6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT**

6.1 This report does not have any direct environmental impact.

## **7.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 The Council has a duty to scrutinise its work and that of NHS and partner organisations.

## **8.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 8.1 The work of the Scrutiny Reviews and Special Interest Meetings cuts across the corporate priorities. The Scrutiny function supports the Corporate priority 'Efficient and Community Focused Council'.

## **9.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS**

- 9.1 The Interim Scrutiny Committee will consider how the future Scrutiny arrangements will undertake the Scrutiny work programme during 2010/11.

## **10.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 The work of the Scrutiny Committees and the work programme of reviews will be undertaken with in the Scrutiny Resources available.

## **11.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 11.1 There are not ward implications directly from this report.

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