

Scrutiny Issues from Scrutiny Assembly 29th July 2010
Active Lifestyles Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Committee

Priority	What would you like scrutiny to look at?	Why should scrutiny look at this issue?	Votes
A	Leisure activities for older people	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Somewhere for older people to meet; eg: bowling clubs/facilities • The importance of physical activity in the health and well-being of older people; eg tai chi helps to promote better balance • Opportunities for partnership working • Use of existing facilities – could they be better used? 	0
A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Signage and promotion of leisure facilities and physical activities in the Borough • Review of marketing and promotional opportunities to ensure the active lifestyle offer is being communicated effectively and widely 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to improve uptake of facilities • Encourage more exercise and physical activity • Make information available in GPs surgeries, schools and many other places • Capacity of leisure centres • To review how effective the campaigns to promote active lifestyles actually are 	0
A	Provision of exercise equipment in public parks and open spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To look at feasibility of such provision • To improve informal activity/exercise opportunities for local people 	2
A	Cost effectiveness of the campaigns to promote active lifestyles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Whether outcomes are properly monitored / measured • Ensuring scarce resources are better targeted 	6
A	Review of the schools curriculum to understand how	The amount of physical activity undertaken by	4

	much sport/swimming/physical activity is being provided in our schools and how we might enhance the level of provision working alongside the schools to support them	children in schools should be examined and ways considered how we can increase the level of physical activity	
B	A review of the events programme following the withdrawal of a number of grants and funding streams which will have an impact on our events programme from 2011 onwards	To review the effect of budgetary reductions on the Council events programme	1
B	Cycle paths / routes / bridle paths / walking groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve safety for cyclists • Promoting their use and ensuring proper signage • Cheap and effective way to provide opportunities for exercise 	1
B	Allotments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healthy eating • More promotion and identify any new sites • Community involvement e.g. Dawley Bank 	1
Statutory	West Midlands Ambulance Service Foundation Trust Status Application	The Scrutiny Committee will ensure that the services provided by the Trust are accountable to local people along with the Foundation Trust Members and Governors	n/a
Statutory	Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital Trust Foundation Trust Status Application	It is Government policy that all acute Trusts should become Foundation Trusts. The Scrutiny Committee will ensure that the services provided by the Trust are accountable to local people along with the Foundation Trust Members and Governors	n/a
Statutory	Modernising Mental Health Services - – the future provision of mental health services in Telford and Wrekin	This has been a major area of work undertaken by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny	n/a

	and Shropshire. This involves the services provided by the South Staffordshire Mental Health Foundation Trust that are commissioned by Telford and Wrekin PCT and Shropshire PCT.	Committee with Shropshire. The Active Lifestyles, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Committee has a statutory role in consultation on substantial changes to NHS services. The role of the committee is to ensure that the consultation on the services changes is adequate and the decision reached is in the best interest of local people and the local health service.	
Statutory	Developing Health and Healthcare – the future provision of acute health services in Telford and Wrekin and Shropshire. This involves the services provided by the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals Trust that are commissioned by Telford and Wrekin PCT and Shropshire PCT.	This has been a major area of work undertaken by the Joint Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee with Shropshire. The Active Lifestyles, Leisure and Culture Scrutiny Committee has a statutory role in consultation on substantial changes to NHS services. The role of the committee is to ensure that the consultation on the services changes is adequate and the decision reached in the best interest of local people and the local health service.	n/a
Statutory	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health White Paper – the White Paper proposes radical changes to the structure of the NHS. • Impact that the abolition of the PCT will have on the PRH 	The proposed changes to NHS structures aim to improve the efficiency of the NHS and improve local services. The Scrutiny Committee will maintain an overview of these changes and consider the impact of the changes on the Council. Elements of this work could be undertaken jointly with the Adult Care and Support Scrutiny Committee.	n/a

		The White Paper also proposes to remove the Health Scrutiny powers of Local Authorities. The Scrutiny Committee will work to ensure that effective accountability and monitoring mechanisms are in place.	
Statutory	Cancer Surgical Services – In order to meet the requirements of the National Cancer Strategy there are proposals to look at the future provision of specialist cancer surgery. This would affect a small number of patient and services before surgery and after surgery would continue to be provided locally. This involves the services provided by the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospitals Trust that are commissioned by Telford and Wrekin PCT and Shropshire PCT.	The provision of cancer services is an emotive subject and it is important to ensure that the people of Telford and Wrekin receive the best possible care. The Scrutiny Committee may work jointly with Shropshire Council to consider the level of consultation required for any proposed service changes.	n/a
	Ambulance Service (NHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The travel time between Newport and PRH could be halved if a dedicated ambulance to Newport was implemented with a manned base in the town. As the nearest ambulance station of Donnington the despatch of an ambulance in an emergency scenario extends the travel time to PRH as the ambulance takes a direction to Newport that is opposite that of the PRH. • Concern that lives could be unnecessarily lost due to protracted travel time of an ambulance to PRH. • Despite First responders being active in 	n/a

		<p>the area their remit is limited and the basing of a permanent resource could prevent possible loss of life due to extended travel times of ambulances from Donnington to Newport then PRH. In addition cost of fuel and impact on the environment could be reduced if a permanent ambulance was based in Newport/ Church Aston.</p>	
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