

Suggestions for the Scrutiny Work Programme 2012/13

New suggestions for the work programme are highlighted bold.

Items carried over from the 2011/12 work programme are in standard font.

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Scrutiny Management Board				
Police reforms: Police & Crime Panel, impact of reforms on grants and services, impact on Safer Stronger Communities Partnership.			There is a statutory duty for scrutiny of the Community Safety Partnership a minimum of once a year and this should be included in the work programme.	To include this in the work programme.
Domestic Violence – impact of funding changes arising from police reforms			This could be a specific focus as part of the above item.	
Budget & Finance	The Committee's work programme will be aligned to the budget consultation timetable/process and in addition to the items already identified for further monitoring the Committee will identify topics for the work programme through this process.			
Changes to local government finance				
Procurement - monitor savings made through procurement.		On-going	This forms part of financial monitoring. Audit Committee work plan includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICT procurement audit • Jacobs contract • Waste procurement • Contract monitoring 	
Capital Receipts – monitor capital receipts and any impacts on capital programme.		On-going	A report will be made to the Audit Committee in September.	Suggested Budget & Finance Scrutiny Committee members attend Audit Committee in September, then continue to monitor.
Small Business Loans Fund – to look at how this is working.	HEI			
Financial Monitoring reports		As published		
Cost of care placements – monitor	CYP	Spring	Link to CYP review of Care Placement	

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progress against budget.		2013	Strategy.	
Children & Young People				The Chairman recommends the Committee should agree 4 - 5 items from the list. Consultation with children and young people will be built into the work programme.
Children and young people's participation strategy.			Consultation with young people on work programme to identify what they want to be consulted on.	
Review of the borough's Children in Care Placement Strategy May include out of borough placements, permanence, child protection, foster care, adoption.	B&F		Links to costs of care placements by Budget & Finance Scrutiny Committee.	
Future provision of primary places in the borough including school, SEN and PRU provision.				
School Improvement – strategies and action to support school improvement, especially with the move to academies and free schools.				
School admission arrangements.				
Services and programmes targeted at young people: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Youth Offer - quality and impact of provision across the borough • Youth Offending Service – approach to commissioning (local/regional). 				
Review the impact of early intervention programmes, e.g: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthening Families – the approach to helping troubled families • Family Connect 	C&C		This continues work on child poverty carried out in 2011/12. Possibly joint with Co-operative & Communities on social deprivation issue.	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children & Family Centres – the Brookside pilot 				
Transition arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transition of learning practices from year 6 (primary) to year 7 (secondary) • Transition support for children in care to adulthood (Response to recommendations from care leavers meeting.) 				
<u>Standing items:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education – attainment, attendance, Ofsted reports • Corporate Parenting monitoring information – including education / attainment levels for children in care (update on development of PI recommended by Committee) 			Allocate 30 minutes per meeting for performance updates.	
Co-operative & Communities	The Chairman recommends the Committee selects up to 4 topics for the work programme.			
Co-operative Commission: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of approach – benefits and risks, where does it fit in the democratic process? • Implementation of recommendations 				
Employee Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of the model - what do staff think? Involvement / barriers / embedding the model. • Sharing the TWC model with other authorities 				

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of recommendations 				
<p>Co-operative Values – is the Council delivering on its values and how is the Council held to account? The Co-operative Commission recommended this comes to scrutiny.</p>				
<p>Adopter Programme</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Progress on implementation of projects – identify topics for more detailed work. This will include – Single point of contact for businesses to Council Services - update on development of model and progress towards implementation. 				
<p>Update on impact of changes to leisure concessions</p>				
<p>Improvements to customer care</p>				
<p>Benefit changes – how the Council and partners are supporting people through benefit changes.</p>				
<p>Funding for Citizen’s Advice Bureau</p>			<p>Possibly part of a wider review of working with the voluntary sector which is currently under review as part of Co-operative Council work.</p>	
<p>Commercial opportunities for the Council – and threats – arising from the Localism Act.</p>				
<p>Social Deprivation – not covered in 2011/12 work programme. Chairman has asked for this to be carried forward for re-consideration.</p>	CYP		<p>Possible joint meeting with CYP committee (early intervention).</p>	

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Community Environmental Projects. This was not covered in 2011/12 work programme; the Chairman has asked for this to be carried forward for re-consideration.	HEI			
Working with Town & Parish Councils. This was not covered in 2011/12 work programme; the Chairman has asked for this to be carried forward for re-consideration.				
Health & Adult Care	The Chairman has made recommendations about the priorities for the work programme.			
Community Trust			To include Foundation Trust application on 17 th July.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • South Staffordshire & Shropshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (from HWB) • Mental health services – the impact of reduction of mental health workers and benefit changes especially on people with serious mental health problems, and the capacity of the NHS to support. 				
CAMHS service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Referral processes and waiting times for appointments. • Counselling, anger management psychological services available for ALL children • The move from Telford to Shropshire and how it was dealt with • Prescriptions - not available from 	CYP		CAMHS service delivered by Community Trust. Review of service by commissioners currently underway. Report back to Health & Wellbeing Board in September.	Chairman recommends this is included in the work programme.

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doctors, having to phone CAMHS and having them sent in post.				
Lack of community mental health support for children under 5 within the borough. Children have to go outside the area which costs a lot of money.	CYP		Query whether children under 5 are sent out of borough. Possibly link to CAMHS suggestion above.	
Appointments in walk-in clinics.			Scrutiny currently has no authority to scrutinise GPs or surgeries but the suggestion may be reviewed if legislation brings GPs into scope.	
Local Accounts for social care – annual statement for the public on how the Council is performing in social care. Public can input.			Possibly set up a sub-group to review. This is on the Health & Wellbeing Board agenda for final sign-off.	
Is it true that hearing impaired people are no longer to be registered as disabled?				
Unscheduled Care Strategy				
Meals on Wheels – review of options for service change			This item was referred from the Budget & Finance Scrutiny Committee to the Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.	Chairman recommends this is included in the work programme.
Review the position on Continuing Healthcare funding.				Chairman recommends this is included in the work programme.
Review of regulations and guidance for health scrutiny in secondary legislation.				
Development of protocols for scrutiny to work with the Health & Wellbeing Board.				
Priorities for the Health and Wellbeing Strategy			Stakeholder event 3 rd July. Overseen by the Health & Wellbeing Board.	
Development of contract specification for Healthwatch			Stakeholder event 3 rd July. On Health & Wellbeing Board agenda.	
Development of vision for Public Health			Stakeholder event 3 rd July.	Chairman recommends this item is

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and the Transition of Public Health.			Scrutiny of transition relates to Alcohol Strategy below. On Health & Wellbeing Board agenda.	included in the work programme.
Alcohol Strategy				Chairman recommends this item is included in the work programme (part of transition of public health).
CCG authorisation process			Written updates can be provided. Monitored by Health & Wellbeing Board.	
Vulnerable Adult Safeguarding Board report, plus report from SSSFT on safeguarding thematic review (adults & children).		Sept 2012	Also on Health & Wellbeing Board agenda.	Chairman recommends this item is included in the work programme.
Discharge of patients – findings of Senior Citizens' Forum survey conducted by LINK				
CQC – update meeting to identify any issues arising from review of domiciliary care or other inspections.				
Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee (JHOSC) as a sub-group of the Health & Adult Care Scrutiny Committee.			Items in the work plan include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SaTH Foundation Trust application • WMAS • Implementation of reconfiguration: Travel & Transport Plan, Workforce development plans, training for GPs and midwives etc. • 111 service – this is being reviewed by the Health & Wellbeing Board 	The JHOSC will decide its own work programme.
Housing, Economy & Infrastructure	The Chairman recommends that the Committee select 3 topics as priorities for the work programme to include the Community Infrastructure Levy and the Waste Management Procurement.			
Community Infrastructure Levy – policy development		Oct 2012	Adoption of the CIL was referred to scrutiny by Council and must be	Matters referred by Council must be included in the work programme.

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			included in the work programme.	
Waste Management Services Procurement	B&F		Scrutiny Management Board recommended that scrutiny should be involved throughout the procurement process. Timetable suggested in report for Call-in meeting. Details to be confirmed.	This item should be included in the work programme.
Business Improvement Districts (BIDS) – policy development		Sept 2012		
<p>How to attract the maximum number of new jobs to Telford & Wrekin. The economy is flat lining, unemployment is up, and social problems are increasing. More jobs are needed to improve the economy of the Borough, which will benefit everyone including the Council.</p> <p>Scrutiny could help identify best practice by other Councils in attracting jobs. This would help the Council's plans to boost our economy.</p>				
<p>Town & District Centres Cleansing Standards. To review the cleansing standards and to assess areas for improvement within Town and district centres</p>				
<p>CPE / Car Park Management / Southwater multi story car park management To review progress on CPE</p>				
Travellers – lack of service to serve notice to quit on unlawful encampments at weekends.			Policy on sites for travellers – are there enough pitches in T&W/ If not should additional sites be identified?	

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	Highway and Transport Capital Programme Asset Management To review medium term investment requirements.		Immediate		
	Housing and Choose Your Home <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of properties on Choose your Home • Opportunities for non-traditional affordable homes • Provision of one-bedroomed properties/supported housing for care leavers • How the Council and RLSs could work better together • Potential for direct ownership of Council houses 	CYP	Autumn	Potential link to CYP committee – issues for care leavers	
	Gated Alley Ways – this was not completed and there were several issues regarding who had ownership of opening the gates etc.				
	Un-adopted areas – to look areas that were not adopted and try and do something about this as it would cover environmental issues i.e. mowing, tree felling and maintenance, road sweeping, drain clearing, lighting, road signage, road lines, pothole repairs etc.				