

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD– 16th NOVEMBER 2012

SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

REPORT OF SCRUTINY GROUP SPECIALIST

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the Board on the work of the Scrutiny Committees and review the work programme for the rest of the municipal year.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 Scrutiny Management Board receives an update on the work of the Scrutiny Committee and reviews the work programme for the rest of the municipal year.

3.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

- 3.1 SMB -8

4.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 4.1 None

**5.0 SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME JUNE –
DECEMBER 2012**

- 5.1 Each Scrutiny Committee has made progress in carrying out the work programmes agreed at the beginning of municipal year. The number of meetings and whether they have been committee meetings or working group meetings has been determined by the nature of the work. Tables 1 and 2 below provide an overview of the work carried out to date.

Table 1: Number and Type of Scrutiny Meetings

Committee	Committee Meetings Held	Working Group Meetings Held	Other Meetings Attended	Meetings Planned Nov/Dec	Total
Budget and Finance	2		4	1	7
Housing Economy and Infrastructure		3			3
Co-operative and Communities	3		2	1	6
Children and Young People	2	2		1	5
Health and Adult Care	1	2		2	5
Joint HOSC	1	1		1	3

5.2 The work undertaken by these Committees is shown below. Some Committees, for example the Housing Economy and Infrastructure Committee, has undertaken in depth scrutiny of one issue the procurement of waste management services while other Committees have scrutinised a wider range of issues as agenda items at a meeting. Members have also started to undertake Members only working groups and reporting this work back to the formal committee.

Table 2: Issues Scrutinised by Each Committee from August – beginning of November 2012.

Scrutiny Committee	Issues
Budget and Finance	Financial updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Service & Financial Planning Report – 2011/12 Outturn • Service & Financial Planning Update (additional savings proposals for 2012/13) • Service & Financial Planning Monitoring Report Care Placements (with CYP Scrutiny Committee) Capital Receipts (with Audit Committee)

	<p>Options for Council Tax benefit support scheme(with Co-operative and Communities Scrutiny Committee)</p> <p>Service & Financial Planning Update: changes to national funding, savings proposals for 2013/14.</p>
Housing Economy and Infrastructure	Waste Management Services Procurement
Co-operative and Communities	<p>Co-operative Council updates</p> <p>Co-operative Commission</p> <p>Employee Commission</p> <p>Options for Council Tax benefit support scheme</p>
Children and Young People	<p>Ofsted inspection</p> <p>Issues for a primary school</p> <p>Children in Care Placement Strategy and children in care education attainment</p> <p>Ofsted report and action plan to address issues</p> <p>Care Placement Strategy – value for money issues</p> <p>Education results KS2/KS4 for the borough and children in care</p>
Health and Adult Care	<p>Stroke Review</p> <p>Urgent Care Review</p> <p>Working with the Health and Wellbeing Board</p> <p>Continuing Healthcare Funding</p>
Joint HOSC	Ophthalmology Services

	<p>Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust: Foundation Trust Application</p> <p>Head and Neck and Surgery relocation</p> <p>Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust: Travel and Transport Plan</p>
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6.0 UPDATING THE SCRUTINY HANDBOOK SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME NOVEMBER 2012 – MAY 2013

- 6.1 Appendix 1 sets out the work load for the Scrutiny Committees for the rest of the municipal year. This also reflects the different ways the Committees undertake the work. One issue Board Members are asked to note is the number of working group meetings that have been held. While these do not require as much administration if the number of working group meetings increases during the year this will compromise the Scrutiny Teams ability to deliver the agreed work programmes.
- 6.2 The Scrutiny Team is recording the recommendations and outcomes from the Scrutiny work programme and will bring a report on Scrutiny Outcomes to a future meeting of the Management Board.

7.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

- 7.1 All Scrutiny Committees will consider the equal opportunity implications of the issues under Scrutiny.

7.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

- 7.1 There is no direct environmental impact resulting from this report.

8.0. LEGAL COMMENT

- 8.1 Oversight and monitoring of the delivery of the Scrutiny work programme is a matter for the Scrutiny Management Board in accordance with Section 5 of Part 4 of the Council's Constitution.

9.0 LINKS WITH CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 9.1 The Scrutiny Committees look at cross cutting issues that link with the Corporate priorities.

10.0 OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS

- 10.1 Reviewing the Scrutiny Work Programme provides Scrutiny Management Board to ensure that Scrutiny resources are used in the most effective way.

11.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 11.1 The work programme will need to be managed within existing resources and adjustments made accordingly to ensure that this is the case. Any financial implications arising from recommendations will be considered as part of the relevant reports and any variances will be reported through financial monitoring as appropriate.

12.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS

- 12.1 There are no specific ward issues resulting from this report.

13.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 13.1 None

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