

**1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of the report is to provide a progress update on delivery of the Scrutiny Work Programme to enable the Board to monitor performance and agree any actions arising from the report.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Scrutiny Management Board note the report and agree any actions deemed necessary arising from the report.**

**3.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 3.1 The Management Board received a mid-year update at the Board meeting in November 2015. This report informs the Board of further progress made in delivering the scrutiny work programme. The additional staff support for Scrutiny ( 0.4 post) has been extended until the end of March 2016.

**4.0 DELIVERY OF THE WORK PROGRAMME**

- 4.1 The table below summarises work to date expressed as the number of scrutiny meetings held compared to the annual benchmark.

**Summary of meetings 21 May – 4 November 2015**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Formal committee</b>	<b>Working group</b>	<b>Total ytd</b>	<b>Benchmark 2015/16</b>
Scrutiny Management Board	3	0	3	3 (+ 1)
Children & Young People	2 (1 joint)*	25	26	30
Customer, Community & Partnership	1 ( 1 joint)*	2 (one joint)*	1	3
Finance & Enterprise	7 ( 2 joint)*	0	5	4
Health & Adult Care and Joint HOSC	7	1	8	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>47</b>

\*Joint meetings have been included in the year to date total of the Committee which led the meeting to avoid double counting of meetings.

## 5.0 ISSUES CONSIDERED AND OUTCOMES

5.1 The table below shows the issues considered by scrutiny and the outcomes.

Issues and outcomes 21 May – 4 November 2015

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Scrutiny Committee</b>	<b>Outcomes</b>
Multi-agency working against CSE	Children & Young People	Evidence gathering for in-depth review including:  Meeting with 24 organisations / services / individuals Online consultation run from 31 <sup>st</sup> September – 1 <sup>st</sup> November Report on schedule to be published in May
Bus Subsidy Policy	Customer, Community & Partnership	Feedback submitted to Cabinet and service area
Local Plan engagement strategy	Customer, Community & Partnership	Suggestions made to service area to include in the consultation plan
Housing Allocations Policy and Tenancy Strategy	Customer, Community & Partnership	Comments submitted as part of the consultation
Council Tax Support scheme proposals	Customer, Community & Partnership / Finance & Enterprise	Scrutiny of options considered and feedback submitted as part of the consultation
Scrutiny of the Council's Budget Proposals ( administration and main opposition)	Finance & Enterprise	Cabinet and Council extended the funding for transport to Age UK day centres, changes were made to the proposed closure of some library services.
Consultation on future of Castle Lodge (in-patient mental health)	Health & Adult Care	Response submitted to CCG Board
Commissioning Review of Mental Health Services	Health & Adult Care	Update provided to Scrutiny Committee  Engagement with CQC Inspection of South Staffordshire and Shropshire Healthcare Trust
Adult Care budget and savings	Health & Adult Care / Finance & Enterprise	On-going role of budget monitoring
Hospital discharge – the commissioning strategy to address delayed transfers of care	Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Update reports provided by NHS Commissioners, Providers and Adult Services to December and March committee meetings.
Future Fit – draft consultation process	Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Assurance regarding current provision of services at SaTH
Maintaining Safe, Effective and	Joint Health Overview	Update to Joint HOSC on

Dignified Urgent and Emergency Care Services	& Scrutiny Committee	engagement
NHS Deficit Reduction Plan	Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Update provided to Committee
111 and Our of Hours Service	Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee	Consultation with Committee and response submitted to CCG Boards
Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services	Joint Health Overview & Scrutiny Committee and Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee	Committee consulted on Communication and Engagement strategy
Holding the Executive to Account: Cllr. Kuldip Sahota Cllr. Paul Watling Cllr. Shaun Davies Cllr. Liz Clare	Scrutiny Management Board	Cabinet members held to account

## 5.2 Issues from the 2015/16 work programme to be completed are:

Customer Services including for business customers = Customer and Communities and Partnership Scrutiny Committee  
Continuing Health Care – Verbal report to Health and Adult Care Scrutiny Committee meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2016

## 6.0 MEMBER DEVELOPMENT

6.1 No specific member development training has taken place since November.

## 7.0 REGIONAL AND NATIONAL SCRUTINY NETWORKS

7.1 Scrutiny in Telford & Wrekin continues to engage with the Regional Health Scrutiny Network, West Midlands Scrutiny Network and the County and Unitary Officer Meeting.

## 8.0 REVIEW OF SCRUTINY CO-OPTES

8.1 The Scrutiny chairs will update the Board on the appointment of Scrutiny Co-optees.

## 9.0 REQUESTS FOR URGENT DECISIONS TO BE TAKEN

9.1 The Chair of the Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee was informed of the decision regarding the Telford Land Deal that had not been published with 28 day's notice on the Notice of Key Decisions. The Chair gave permission for this decision to be considered in exempt session at Cabinet due to the on-going negotiation with the HSC.

## 10.0 SCRUTINY SUGGESTIONS

10.1 One Scrutiny Suggestion has been received since November 2015. A summary of suggestions is set out below:

Scrutiny Suggestion	Issue Raised
Form - 113889	The ongoing role of the Ironbridge Gorge Management Trust (IGMT) in preserving the heritage of the Ironbridge UNESCO World Heritage Site. The IGMT are seemingly focussed on tourists. Their focus should also be on education, heritage and conservation of this important site. The person who made the scrutiny suggestion questioned the Trust's current support, funding and in-house experience and skills to achieve this.

## 11.0 SCRUTINY TEAM

11.1 The support to deliver the scrutiny work programme is provided through the Scrutiny Team:

- Scrutiny Group Speciality 0.8 fte
- Scrutiny Officer 1.0fte
- Scrutiny Officer 0.4 fte (extended until End of March 2016)

11.2 The Legal Services Manager will update the Board on the re-structure of Legal and Democratic Services which will be implemented from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016.

## 12.0 EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES IMPLICATIONS

12.1 Scrutiny Committees consider the equal opportunities implications for the issues within their work programmes.

## 13.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

13.1 Scrutiny has a role in ensuring that local government is effective and accountable. This includes undertaking reviews and challenging and monitoring performance. The cost of extending the 0.4fte scrutiny officer post until the end of March 2016 can be accommodated within the Service Area's overall resources.

- 13.2 Scrutiny also plays an important part of the budget consultation process and the Finance & Enterprise Scrutiny Committee scrutinised and submitted responses to the Cabinet's budget proposals during January and February which fed into the final 2016/17- 2017/18 Service & Financial Planning Strategy approved by Full Council on 3 March 2016.
- 13.3 The financial implications of any recommendations made by Scrutiny should be considered as part of reports as relevant.

#### **14.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 14.1 The Council is under a legal requirement to provide an overview and scrutiny function in accordance with provisions at section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000 (as amended) and associated legislation. Government guidance states that Overview and Scrutiny Committees should have flexibility to determine most of their workplan and that the Council adopts mechanisms for coordinating that work.
- 14.2 The procedure followed in paragraph 9.1 of this report is undertaken in accordance with the provisions set out in the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations 2012.
- 14.3 The proposals for discussion by the Board in this report contribute towards complying with both the statutory requirements and government guidance.

#### **15.0 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 15.1 Environmental issues that are scrutinised will fall within the remit of the Customer, Community and Partnership Scrutiny Committee and will be undertaken within the resources available to this Committee.

#### **16.0 WARD IMPLICATIONS**

- 16.1 There are no direct ward implications resulting from this report

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