

Scrutiny Board

19 January 2016

Report title	Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16	
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Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Scrutiny Board	8 September 2015 3 November 2015 15 December 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

1. Review and develop the Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2015-16 to take account of emerging issues and councillor suggestions
2. To allocate any cross cutting pieces of work

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 To update and agree the Scrutiny work programme for 2015-16.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The remit of the Scrutiny Board was agreed by Annual Council 15 May 2013. This remit included the specific responsibility to oversee the operation of the call-in mechanisms and to oversee the work programmes of Scrutiny Panels to avoid duplication of work and to ensure coherence of approach to cross-cutting policy themes. The Board may determine that one named Panel shall take lead responsibility for a cross-cutting policy theme or may determine that the work be shared between one or more panels.

3.0 Work Programme Planning

- 3.1 The work programme (Appendix 1) is a working document which is reviewed at each agenda planning meeting to determine the timeliness and relevance of items for scrutiny. Any member can also ask for an item to be considered by Scrutiny. At each Scrutiny Board an updated work programme will be presented for discussion and agreement.
- 3.2 New items for consideration are highlighted in blue.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. Within Governance, there is a scrutiny budget to support the investigation of issues highlighted by councillors through the work programmes of the panels and the reviews and inquiries.

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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

[TS/04012016/W]

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

7.0 Environmental implications

- 7.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from this report.

8.0 Human resources implications

8.1 There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.

9.0 Corporate landlord implications

9.1 There are no direct corporate landlord implications arising from this report.

10.0 Schedule of background papers

10.1 Report to Scrutiny Board agreeing the new method of agreeing the scrutiny work programme – 15 April 2014

Scrutiny work programme

Scrutiny Reviews 2015-16

- **Child Sexual Exploitation (CSE)**

At the evidence session 30 November 2015 Colin Parr, Licensing Manager, presented a report on work being done locally and with local partners to tackle CSE through the use of licensing controls.

Jennie Wooton, BASE 25 lead officer on the EMPOWER project presented report on the work being done to raise awareness of CSE among young people, parents and carers and support victims.

Stephen Dodd - Youth Organisations Wolverhampton Co-ordinator at Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council reported on communication and engagement activity around CSE. Stephen also reported on the work of the B-Safe Team (Wolverhampton's 'Junior Safeguarding Children Board').

At the evidence session 10 December 2016 DCI Michaela Kerr Walsall / Wolverhampton Public Protection Unit(West Midlands Police) is the senior manager responsible for all child abuse investigations, including CSE presented evidence on the work being done to protect children and prosecute alleged offenders. The review group met with representatives of the following organisations to discuss their role in raising awareness of the issue of CSE and also ensuring compliance with nationally agreed policies and procedures:

- Wolverhampton CCG and Royal Wolverhampton Hospitals Trust
- Independent School Representatives on Wolverhampton Safeguarding Children Board

The review group will meet on 20 January 2016 to consider and agree the final draft recommendations that will be presented to Cabinet.

- **Electoral Registration and Participation**

The Scrutiny Review Group last met on 9 December 2015. Evidence was presented from:

- The YMCA, which ran a campaign to register young and homeless people in Wolverhampton;
- Wolverhampton Homes engagement group, which held two working groups with tenants to identify the issues with registration and participation in the area; and
- Members of the Youth Council, who gave evidence related to the issues that impact students and young people.

The next meeting will be held this month (January) to hear evidence from the University of Wolverhampton, Citizens' Advice Bureau and possibly Bite the Ballot. A final meeting will be scheduled to consider all evidence received and collated to date and review possible recommendations.

The findings of the review will inform future work on increasing registration and participation and identify barriers for the council to address.

- **City of Wolverhampton Council Volunteering Offer**

The Scrutiny Review Group has held five meetings to gather evidence, carry out site visits to voluntary organisations, to review and draw conclusions from the evidence gathered and draft recommendations to Cabinet.

There are clear and deliverable recommendations coming from the review group's work which will develop and strengthen current volunteering arrangements within existing resources. The review group has considered a draft policy and recommends development and delivery of a policy for Volunteering in the Council which clearly relates to developing skills and pathways to employment. The Policy will inform and help to shape the Volunteering Strategy for the City with partner organisations. The recommendations will include the need to monitor volunteering roles within the organisation and to review the policy once the Combined Authority is introduced.

The draft report will be presented to the final meeting of the Review Group on 21 January 2016 and by Cabinet (23 March 2016). The findings of the review group will inform the City of Wolverhampton Council Volunteering Offer and the wider Wolverhampton Volunteering Strategy which will be considered by Cabinet on 16 May 2016.

Work programme

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Date	Work items
19 Jan 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking and monitoring of reviews<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Employability and Skills• Managing Director• Work programme
1 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Corporate Plan Refresh 2016-19• Corporate Performance Report - Quarter 3 2015/16• Complaints Report - Quarter 3 2015/16• Tracking and monitoring of reviews<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Infant Mortality (EPS)- Channel Shift (LG)• Information Governance Performance Report – Quarter 3 2015/16• Work programme
26 April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual report• Work programme

- **Pending police approval:** Task and finish report from Regulatory Services (Travellers and Gypsies)

Adults and safer City

Date	Work items
Jan 2016	Visit to site Assistive technologies
26 Jan 2016	Promoting independence for people with disabilities and for older people <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Assistive technologies feedback from site visits• Dementia Strategy Update• West Midlands Police Update : Local Policing Plan 2015-16 progress report and Draft Youth Strategy consultation Joint Council
22 March 2016	Enabling communities to support themselves <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Community resilience• Crime reduction, community safety and drugs strategy• Anti-Social Behavioural Team - update on Public Space Protection Order in addressing anti-social behaviour• Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2014/15• Feedback on Youth Offending Team (YOT) inspection• Mental Health (early interventions)• Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Compact• Quality assurance process/data (re: contract / compliance)

Children, young people and families

Date	Work items
20 Jan 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wolverhampton Safeguarding Board Annual Report 2014/15• CAMHS• Draft Joint Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Strategy
9 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Child Obesity Joint meeting with Health Scrutiny Panel agreed at Council 16 December 2015
13 April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Academy Partnership Protocol• Secondary School Standards:<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Secondary school end of KS4 and KS5 validated results• Secondary school Ofsted outcomes and current LA categorisation• Next steps to make further improvements• Secondary School 10 year strategic plan - draft

Confident Capable Council

Date	Work items
03 Feb 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future Space - developing the right accommodation to deliver the Council's services• Future Money - making the most efficient use of financial resources• Future Money : Agresso Performance
20 April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Future Customer – improving customer service• Future Works - ensuring we have the right IT infrastructure and business processes• Future Money - making the most efficient use of financial resources• Future People - Employee Volunteering Scheme – progress report

Health Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
14 Jan 2016 Change of date TBC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Future of Mental Health Services Update
11 Feb 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to UTC – University of Wolverhampton
25 Feb 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BCPFT - CAMHS (Sarah Fellows) • The future of Mental Health Services • Smoking and Alcohol in pregnant mothers (Public Health) • Eating disorders • Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust (RWT) Jeremy Vanes, Chairman Updates on A&E and RWT CQC Inspection • Healthy Lifestyles Service – In house & external delivery models option appraisals • CCG Primary Care Strategy • Children 5-19 (0-19) Healthy Children Programme
9 March 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Child Obesity Joint meeting with Children Young People and Families Scrutiny Panel agreed at Council 16 December 2015
Potential late March meeting to replace January session	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infant mortality CCG performance (Cabinet recommendation from 22nd July)
07 April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose well campaign – NHS ENGLAND • Bed sores and ulcers in elderly - NHS TRUST • 'Home as a hub' – CCG

Training session

- [Substantial Variations to be arranged](#)

Stronger City economy

Date	Work items
09 Feb 2016	Business and Enterprise <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New model for business support, including companies that are expanding and support for innovation• Aim for the Black Country• Case study – Research and development , world class university, excellent quality of life, high levels of technology• Witness: representative from the University
February 2016	Potential for site visit The Custard factory visit with University partners
19 April 2016 (Bring date forward before purdah)	The City Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Evaluation of the year of scrutiny for a stronger City economy• What had changed, what does the future City economy look like?• Witness - Aspiration and innovation• Case study – Best practice and next steps

Vibrant and sustainable City

Date	Work items
11 Feb 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• City Centre Regulation of street trading, displays• Age Designation Review of Flats
14 April 2016	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Residents parking• Keeping the City clean