



Scrutiny Board

17 March 2015

Report title	Scrutiny Work Programme 2014/15	
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Wards affected	All	
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Report to be/has been considered by	Scrutiny Board	27 January 2015

Recommendation(s) for action or decision:

The Scrutiny Board is recommended to:

1. Review and develop the Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2014-15 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 2014/15.

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/25022015/P]

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

Report to Scrutiny Board – 17 June 2014

Report to Scrutiny Board – 16 September 2014

Report to Scrutiny Board – 9 December 2014

Report to Scrutiny Board – 27 January 2014

Scrutiny work programme

Scrutiny Reviews 2014/15

- **Infant Mortality 4.3.15**

Further evidence will be considered from the following witnesses:

- Dr Helen Carter, Public Health England, will be presenting a report on the regional work being done to reduce the rate of infant mortality.
- Discussions with the charity SANDS about arranging a meeting with Cllr Darke and Councillors to talk about their work.
- A meeting is being planned to talk to Kate Burley, Network Manager – Maternity and Children's, West Midlands Strategic Clinical Network and Senate about the gap analysis report on infant mortality.

The draft report and recommendations will be presented for the review group to consider and approve. The report will be presented to Cabinet in June 2015.

- **Employability and Skills**

The Employability and Skills Review will report to Cabinet on 11 March 2015. The evidence gathered and conclusions highlight what the Council needs to do to get people with low level skills and qualifications into employment.

The review group report captures the progress of current mechanisms, initiatives and projects and the barriers that need to be addressed in the city and nationally. It emphasises the ambition of various organisations – both public and voluntary - to push forward to work with residents and businesses to develop the right skills to meet the demand arising now, and in the future, through economic growth in the city.

The review group Chair has reported the main findings into the Wolverhampton Skills and Employment Commission, focusing on the gaps and barriers which need to be addressed in order to plan for the long term. The report highlights the need to work effectively in partnership and to maximise the impact of current and future resources. It aims to influence better informed service design and more detailed information that will help to shape and develop proposals for European and other funding.

The newly formed City Board will oversee the employability and skills agenda and will give consideration to the role of the proposed Combined Authority in addressing the barriers identified to developing higher levels of employability and skills in the city.

- **Channel Shift**

The Channel Shift Scrutiny Review Group has concluded its evidence gathering sessions. The report writing process has begun and the draft report has been presented to the group to consider and provide feedback. The report outlines the evidence that has been received and the recommendations to be made. The final report will be presented to Cabinet in July 2015.

Special joint meeting – Care Act 2014

A joint meeting of Health Scrutiny Panel, Health and Wellbeing Board and Adults and Community Scrutiny relating to the Care Act 2014 will be arranged in due course.

Scrutiny Board

Date	Work items
17 June 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrutiny work programme • Agree scrutiny reviews • Tracking and Monitoring of Scrutiny Review: Prevent
16 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quarter 1 performance report • Information governance Quarter 1 performance report • Scrutiny work programme
21 October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Council's approach to performance on appraisals • Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny review: maintaining and building relationships with emerging academies and free schools • Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny review: child poverty • Scrutiny work programme
26 November (Invite C3 Panel)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • C3 Programme Pre decision scrutiny (this would include): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the revised Corporate Plan framework • the programme of activity for marketing the city • the new brand for the council • the council's customer service standards • internal communication • revised approach to the Directions Conference • 100:100 Programme Update
9 December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Better Care Fund • Quarter 2 performance report including an update on Families r First • Information governance Quarter 2 performance report including benchmarking of SAR performance • Scrutiny work programme
27 January 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on the Council's Risk Register • Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny review: welfare reform communication 2012-13 • Q2 Complaints Report • Scrutiny work programme

17 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny reviews from 2013/14<ul style="list-style-type: none">• First Impressions of the City• Quarter 3 performance report & child obesity update• Information governance Quarter 3 performance report• Q3 Complaints report• Business continuity report• Scrutiny work programme
28 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Annual report• Scrutiny work programme• Tracking and monitoring of scrutiny reviews form 2013/14<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ Private Rented Sector Housing

Adults and Community Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
8 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refreshed Joint Dementia Strategy and Implementation Plan 2014-2016 (pre-decision scrutiny)• Care Act Implementation
23 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wolverhampton adult safeguarding peer review outcome and action plan• Wolverhampton Safeguarding Adults Board Annual Report 2013/14• Information Portal demonstration
18 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget• % of people using social care receiving self-directed support and receiving direct payments (Q1 performance report)
13 January 2015	Theme Community <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Voluntary sector compact• CAB Priorities
10 March 2015	Theme Promoting Independence at home <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aids and adaptations (put back to July 2015)• Promoting Independence – Progress update from budget savings consultation• In-house services adult social care – Pre-decision scrutiny

Next Year :

- [Aids and adaptations \(July 2015\)](#)
- [Refreshed Dementia Strategy Update](#)

Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
23 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Wolverhampton School Improvement Strategy • Learning and Achievement structure chart
14 August 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduction of Play Service Provision (pre-decision) • Proposals regarding Children’s Residential and Fostering Provision (pre-decision)
24 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) – briefing paper • Governor training and support • Families r First Programme
4 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2015 Primary School Expansion Programme
12 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • School Ofsted inspection results and associated action plans • Fostering process and recruitment strategy • Licensing and Safeguarding
14 January 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CAMHS (Children and Adolescent Mental Health Service) - Briefing Paper (including invite to the CCG and evidence from the Black Country NHS FT) and 0-25 year old mental health care pathways and funding approach by commissioners
11 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Families r First Programme – update on progress • Early help service (5-18) within Children and Young People and Families • Key stage results summer 2014 . The report will outline how Wolverhampton’s results compare with regional and national performance

- 2015/16 An early report on current initiatives aimed at reducing the educational gap and an evaluation of their success in reducing levels of child poverty in Wolverhampton.
- Home to School Transport Review
- An update report on (Ofsted)school inspection reports - June 2015
- A report on the outcome of the regulatory services and safeguarding forum - December 2015.

Confident Capable Council Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
10 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Q1 revenue budget monitoring • Q1 treasury management activity monitoring • Q1 finance & budget update • Independent Review of process for Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget • Safety, Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2014-17
1 October 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations for Earmarked Reserves Working Group • FutureWorks progress report • Report to agree terms of reference Specific Reserves Working Group
3 December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Budget update and review • Progress report on Individual Electoral Registration • C3 Programme: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A new marketing strategy for the City Council - A new corporate identity for the Council
4 February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget update and Review - Quarter 2 finance and budget update Inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Quarter 2 capital budget monitoring Mid Year Review treasury management activity monitoring Draft Budget Strategy and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 to 2018/16 HRA Business Plan update and 2015/16 HRA revenue budget and rent levels. Collection Fund – estimated outturn 2014/15 • Eugene Sullivan report - Implementation of the action plan (update) • Report of the Specific Reserves Working Group (Verbal Update) • Percentage of total debt collected during the year (Q1 performance report). • Procurement and negotiating contracts process.

22 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget update and Review - Q3 finance & budget update Inclusive of:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital 2014/15 to 2018/19 Quarter 3 Review and 2015-16 to 2018/19 Budget Strategy2015/16 Budget and MTFS 2015/16 to 2018/19 Quarter 3 revenue budget monitoring reportQuarter 3 treasury management strategy report• Employee volunteering update• Treasury Management strategy• Procurement and negotiating contracts process.
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Enterprise and Business Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
15 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Black Country Developments and applications• Education and Enterprise – structure and key service priorities
30 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Approach to business support• Approach to business investment• North Wolverhampton Enterprise Zone and corridor• Steam Mill
2 December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget Review – 2015/16 Budget and Medium Term Financial Strategy 2015/16 – 2018/19• Employability and Skills Review –Evidence• City Centre Area Action Plan
3 February 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Taking forward our Regeneration Priorities
21 April 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A site visit to Southside/Westside developments

Health Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
10 July 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust – report on plans for consulting with the public on the provision of elective services at Cannock Chase Hospital • Wolverhampton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) - a report on Primary and Community Care Strategy • Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust - Patient Experience report on Friends and Family Test • South West Birmingham CCG – stroke services review proposal • Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - Mental Health Strategy
25 September 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust – findings of consultation on the provision of elective services at Cannock Chase Hospital • NHS England / CCG - Commissioning of General Practitioner / primary care services in Wolverhampton • Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust Patient experience report on Friends and Family Trust
20 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget • Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust CQC Inspection Action Plan update • Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust – outcome of the public consultation on the provision of elective services at Cannock Chase Hospital
11 December 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sexual health consultation
15 January 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Francis Report update (and lessons learnt from Mid-Staffs) from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust BCPF NHS Trust (b) Black Country Partnership NHS Foundation Trust (c) CCG

12 March 2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Wolverhampton Hospital NHS Trust: End of Life Strategy• HealthWatch action plan• CCG - Mental Health Commissioning Strategy• CCG - WCCG Decommissioning & Disinvestment Policy• CCG – Consultation on musculoskeletal services (substantial variation)• Sexual Health Consultation – Outcomes Report
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List of potential items (one for each meeting)

Work programmes will develop over the municipal year and the chosen items from the list below will be scoped in conjunction with the Chair of each panel

- Diabetes
- Public Health - Substance Misuse Service – 12 month review
- Adult mental health services
- Learning Disability services

There will be regular briefing updates from Trusts on performance and consultation outcomes:

- Community Dermatology (outcome of consultation)
- Community Ophthalmology (outcome of consultation)

Vibrant, Safe and Sustainable Communities Scrutiny Panel

Date	Work items
17 July 2014	Sustainability Improvement Strategy
2 October 2014	Anti-Social Behaviour: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anti-social behaviour service review – pre-decision• Anti-social, Crime and Policing Act 2014
20 November 2014	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Budget• Neighbourhood Wardens update and budget savings proposal
4 December 2014	Crime Reduction and Policing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Update on the Crime Reduction, Community Safety and Drugs Strategy• Wolverhampton Local Policing and Crime Plan 2014/15• Contacting the Police – Front office closures• Draft Licensing Policy Changes
5 February 2015	Sustainable Leisure offer for Wolverhampton: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Police and Crime Commissioner• Added commercial value (to include the Wolverhampton Fit Card)• Blakenhall Community and Healthy Living Centre update
19 March 2015	Housing: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Housing Service – Improving the City Offer Presentation

Next year : [Sustainability Improvement Strategy -Update](#)