

AGENDA

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Friday 30 September 2011**

Time: **10.00 am**

Place: **The Council Chamber, Brockington, 35 Hafod Road,
Hereford**

Notes: Please note the **time, date** and **venue** of the meeting.

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Agenda for the Meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL

MINUTES of the meeting of Overview and Scrutiny Committee held at Committee Room 1, The Shirehall, Hereford on Wednesday 27 July 2011 at 1.30 pm

Present: Councillor H Bramer (Chairman)

Councillors: AM Atkinson, MJK Cooper, PGH Cutter, KS Guthrie, EPJ Harvey, MAF Hubbard, JLV Kenyon, JW Millar, R Preece, SJ Robertson, PJ Watts, Mr P Burbidge, E Lowenstein and Brig P Jones CBE

Statutory co-optees Mr P Burbidge and Miss E Lowenstein

In attendance: None

6. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors WLS Bowen, RC Hunt, P Rone and A Seldon and from Mr P Sell.

7. NAMED SUBSTITUTES

Councillor Brigadier P Jones CBE substituted for Councillor P Rone.

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 1 July be confirmed as a correct record subject to the following amendments:

- Page1 – That the Minute recording declarations of interest should record that, *“The Chairman challenged Councillor EPJ Harvey three times about her declaration of a personal rather than a prejudicial interest.”*
- Page 1 - That the Minute recording declarations of interest should be reviewed to ensure that all declarations had been recorded. Miss E Lowenstein reported that she had declared a personal interest as a Parent Governor at Bishop of Hereford Bluecoat School, Hereford.
- Page 2 paragraph 1 – the addition of the following: *She also asked whether briefings on the Destination Hereford project would be made to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in line with the implementation proposal, included in the application for sustainable transport funding to support the project, which had referred to briefings being made to the Council's Environment Scrutiny Committee.*
- Page 2 paragraph 2 – line 2 deletion of the words, “the Council’s report “Hereford Relief Road, a Study of Options” and their replacement by, *“her report “A “Relief” Road for Hereford or Not”.*

- Page 3 the addition of the following paragraph: *“The Head of Service responded to a question as to whether, as part of the staff consultation, consideration had been given to the introduction of group tuition which would not only produce additional income, but also increase both the availability and accessibility of lessons, by saying that, whilst schools were the customers, he had discussed the possibilities with staff, but they were not supportive of the idea at the present time.”*

10. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: That Councillor A Seldon be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Committee.

11. SUGGESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON ISSUES FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY

Mrs Morawiecka reiterated her request that the Committee should include the whole Local Development Framework process and the viability of plans to date in its work programme and that this should be done as a matter of urgency in view of the publication of the Council’s Economic Viability Assessment. She outlined a number of concerns she had about that Assessment which she wished the Committee to consider.

12. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its work programme.

Six topics had been proposed as the first subjects for scrutiny. Scoping statements had been circulated separately setting out the reason for each proposed enquiry, a summary of each topic and its terms of reference.

The Chairman of each Task and Finish Group was invited to present the scoping statement within their themed area.

The following principal points were made in discussion:

- Concern was expressed by some Members that the proposed topics had been hastily selected without sufficient consideration by the Committee of alternative subjects for scrutiny and without a thorough assessment of priorities.

It was acknowledged that some of the scoping statements that had been presented needed further work to complete them and that this would be undertaken if they were approved.

- It was questioned whether the proposed topic of Tourist Signing (Brown Signs) was the highest priority within the Highways, Transportation and Waste themed area. It was noted in response that the intention was to complete the review promptly.
- A number of Members suggested that consideration of the Local Development Framework (LDF), in particular the consultation arrangements and decision making process, should be a priority. It was suggested that it was important to undertake this work before a further round of consultation on the LDF commenced.

The Chairman commented that his intention was that the six proposed topics would not be undertaken to the exclusion of other work. He envisaged a number of one day reviews being undertaken in parallel with work on those topics. It was proposed to hold a workshop to give consideration to the full work programme. A programme would then be presented to the Committee for approval.

- The Chairman of the Income and Charging Task and Finish Group commented that in her view scrutiny of the LDF was the priority and that this could potentially have a bearing on the timing of the Income and Charging Review.
- Clarification was sought on the method of making appointments to the Task and Finish Groups and the selection of expert witnesses. It was noted that expressions of interest had been invited from all Members. Officers would provide advice on the selection of witnesses.
- Dissatisfaction was expressed by some Members with the way in which the new scrutiny model had been introduced and was being implemented. It was suggested that the way in which the proposed subjects for scrutiny had been submitted to the Committee had been unhelpful. It was requested that, in future, consideration should be given to holding informal discussions in advance of matters being presented formally to the Committee.

It was concluded that the proposed workshop to consider the work programme should involve only the 17 Members of the Committee. However, the views of all Councillors would be invited in advance of the workshop.

RESOLVED:

- That**
- (a) a workshop be arranged for the members of the Committee to consider the work programme and a proposed programme then be reported to the Committee for approval; and**
 - (b) the subjects proposed for scrutiny listed at paragraph 10 of the report (Council Procurement Policy and Local Business and Local Employment, Income and Charging, Planning System Review – Development Control and the operation of the Constitution, Safeguarding Arrangements for Children in Herefordshire, Safeguarding Adults, and Tourist Signing (Brown Signs), and the associated scoping statements be approved; and**
 - (c) the scoping statements be developed further, as appropriate, by the Vice-Chairmen working with lead officers.**

The meeting ended at 3.00 pm

CHAIRMAN

MEETING:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	30 SEPTEMBER 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	SAFE AND SUSTAINABLE CHILDRENS HEART SURGERY IN ENGLAND
REPORT BY:	ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR /HEAD OF SERVICE (Health)

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider submitting a response to a consultation on the proposed options for reconfiguration of paediatric cardiac surgery centres in England.

Recommendation(s)

THAT the Committee considers a response to the proposals for the reconfiguration of paediatric cardiac surgery centres in England.

Key Points Summary

- A national consultation has been undertaken on the reconfiguration of paediatric cardiac surgery centres in England to deliver safe, sustainable, world class childrens heart surgery. Overview and Scrutiny Committees have been given a further opportunity to comment on the proposals, up to 5 October, in the light of the publication of reports on the Health Impact Assessment and a report on the public consultation. Relevant documents can be accessed via the following link: <http://www.specialisedservices.nhs.uk/safeandsustainable>.
- Four options for the reconfiguration of paediatric cardiac surgery centres were presented to the National Joint Committee of PCTs, based on the recommendations of the Safe & Sustainable review process. The review was clinically led and supported by the relevant professional associations and national parent groups.
- The Joint Committee of PCTs is expected to announce its final decision as to the preferred option by the end of 2011. Any changes to the provision of children's cardiac services are expected to be implemented from 2013. A detailed implementation plan will be developed once the preferred option has been identified.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Paul Edwards, Associate Director/Head of Service (Health), 01432 344344 Ext 3960

- The review recommends the development of Cardiac Networks across England, comprising all of the NHS services that provide care to children with Cardiac Disease and their families, from antenatal screening through to the transition to adult services
- It proposes the implementation of new clinical standards.
- It proposes the implementation of new systems for the analysis and reporting of mortality and morbidity data relating to treatments for children with Congenital Heart Disease.
- It proposes a reduction in the number of NHS hospitals in England that provide heart surgery for children from the current 11 hospitals to 6 or 7 hospitals. This recommendation is based on the clinical view that only larger surgical centres can achieve true quality and excellence
- Each of the proposed four options includes the specialist hospitals currently accessed by children and young people from Herefordshire.

Alternative Options

- 1 There are no Alternative Options, this is a national review.

Introduction and Background

- 2 In 2009 the NHS Management Board and the NHS Medical Director, Professor Sir Bruce Keogh asked the National Specialised Commissioning Group (NSCG) to undertake a review to examine the way that children's heart surgery and interventional cardiology services were provided in England. This became known as the ***Safe and Sustainable - Review of Children's Congenital Cardiac services in England***
- 3 Children's heart surgery is an increasingly complex procedure that demands great technical skill and expertise from surgeons and their teams. The review was requested because there were concerns that some centres were not performing enough surgical procedures to maintain and develop their specialist skills, and that some centres do not have enough surgeons to guarantee a safe 24/7 service around the clock.
- 4 There are currently around 30 consultant heart surgeons who operate on children spread across 10 surgical centres in England. The Safe and Sustainable review aims to develop a national service that has:
 - Better results in surgical centres with fewer deaths and complications following surgery
 - Better, more accessible assessment services and follow up treatment delivered within regional and local networks
 - Reduced waiting times and fewer cancelled operations
 - Improved communication between parents and all of the services in the network that see their child
 - Better training for surgeons and their teams to ensure the service is sustainable for the future
 - A trained workforce of experts in the care and treatment of children and young people with congenital heart disease
 - Surgical centres at the forefront of modern working practices and new technologies that are leaders in research and development
 - A network of specialist centres collaborating in research and clinical development, encouraging the sharing of knowledge across the network
- 5 There are no paediatric cardiac surgical services in Wales.
- 6 The review analysed the responses to the four month public consultation and produced a comprehensive report, published on 24 August 2011. More than 75,000 people responded to the public consultation, which ran from 1 March to 1 July 2011. The review is also considering the findings of Health Impact Assessments, the outcome of the work being done to test patient

flows, and the capacity planning information that all Trusts involved in the review have been asked to submit.

- 7 Overview and Scrutiny Committees have been given further opportunity to comment on the proposals, up to 5 October.

Key Considerations

- 8 The proposed configuration options are summarised below. As mentioned, Birmingham Children's Hospital Foundation Trust (BCH) and Bristol Royal Hospital for Children are two of the centres which appear in all of the options. However, the impact of the proposed reconfiguration of other centres upon both of these hospitals needs to be considered.

Option A - Seven surgical centres at:

- Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
- Glenfield Hospital, Leicester
- Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
- Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool
- Birmingham Children's Hospital
- 2 centres in London

Observations on Option A:

Anticipated activity at Birmingham Childrens Hospital <91, this should not pose any problems as they currently have three surgeons performing >500 interventions.

Issue, Birmingham Childrens Hospital has invested significantly in cardiac surgery in anticipation of increased capacity as a result of this reconfiguration; a reduction in the number of surgical interventions may have financial consequences for Birmingham Childrens Hospital.

Anticipated activity at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children >160, they currently have three cardiac surgeons performing >277 interventions.

Issue, Bristol Royal Hospital for Children will need to develop an increased clinical infrastructure. The Freeman (Newcastle) would remain as a cardiac transplant centre, along with Great Ormond Street

Option B - Seven surgical centres at:

- Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
- Birmingham Children's Hospital
- Southampton General Hospital
- Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool
- Bristol Royal Hospital for Children
- 2 centres in London

Observations on Option B

Anticipated activity at Birmingham Childrens Hospital >725, plus paediatric respiratory Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO). A fourth cardiac surgeon has been appointed..

Issues - Birmingham Childrens Hospital could manage the demand. However, additional consideration needs to be given to the fact that Leicester's paediatric respiratory Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation would need to move to Birmingham Childrens Hospital, which would have resource consequence on Paediatric Intensive Care Unit and cardiac theatres.

Anticipated activity at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children >358.

Issues - to be compliant with the recommendations of the Safe & Sustainable review, this option would require some Herefordshire and Welsh patients going to Bristol to ensure the 400 minimum caseload is met, rather than to Birmingham Childrens Hospital.

Also, we would require involvement in a cross boundary cardiology network, which would need to be carefully managed due to the sensitivities of both paediatric cardiac surgery and ECMO moving out of Leicester.

The Freeman (Newcastle) would remain as a cardiac transplant centre, along with Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

Option C - Six surgical centres at:

1. Freeman Hospital, Newcastle
 2. Birmingham Children's Hospital
 3. 2 centres in London
- Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool
 - Bristol Royal Hospital for Children

Observations on Option C

Anticipated activity at Birmingham Childrens Hospital >725

Issues - Whilst 725 cases is considered possible with Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation, there would be concerns regarding Birmingham Childrens Hospital having capacity to deliver 800 plus cases, without affecting non-specialised services for the local population

Anticipated activity at Bristol Childrens Hospital >437

Issues - assumptions include that some Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Wales patients would go to Bristol.

Sensitivities regarding developing a cardiology network would be the same as for Option B

Sensitivities regarding Leicester's paediatric respiratory Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation move to Birmingham Childrens Hospital would be the same as for Option B.

The Freeman (Newcastle) would remain as a cardiac transplant centre, along with Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children.

Option D - Six surgical centres at:

- Leeds General Infirmary
 - Birmingham Children's Hospital
 - 2 centres in London
- Alder Hey Children's Hospital, Liverpool
 - Bristol Royal Hospital for Children

Observations on Option D

Anticipated activity at Birmingham Childrens Hospital – 660, plus all paediatric Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation (ECMO) and transplants,

Issues - This option could be considered to be the most vulnerable due to Birmingham Childrens Hospital becoming the transplant centre, and having to provide all paediatric respiratory ECMO. Whilst there is a reduced anticipated number of cases to options 2 &3, the resource intensity of Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation and in particular the transplantation service moving to Birmingham Childrens Hospital will have additional implications.

Anticipated activity at Bristol Childrens Hospital >437

Issues - assumptions include that some Herefordshire, Worcestershire and Wales patients would go to Bristol.

Sensitivities regarding developing a cardiology network would be the same as for Option B

Sensitivities regarding Leicester's paediatric respiratory Extra Corporeal Membrane Oxygenation move to Birmingham Childrens Hospital would be the same as for Option B.

Community Impact

- 9 During the years 2005 - 2010 twenty seven children received Paediatric Cardiac surgery at Birmingham Children Hospital, during the same period only two children received Paediatric Cardiac surgery at Bristol Childrens Hospital. Patient choice will continue to support the clinical decision making about the location of paediatric cardiac surgery but the proposed reconfiguration of centres will not adversely affect Herefordshire residents choice given the current providers of care will be maintained.

Financial Implications

- 10 Reportedly cost neutral to commissioners as the money will follow the patients under payment by results. However NHS providers will have to invest to ensure the infrastructure for all services are robust and clinically robust.

Legal Implications

- 11 None

Risk Management

- 12 None

Consultees

- 13 National Consultation, more than 75,000 people responded to the public consultation on the future of children's heart services, which ran from 1 March to 1 July 2011, making it one of the largest ever carried out by the NHS.

Appendices

- 14 None

Background Papers

- None identified.

MEETING:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
DATE:	30 SEPTEMBER 2011
TITLE OF REPORT:	OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME
REPORT BY:	ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – LAW, GOVERNANCE AND RESILIENCE

CLASSIFICATION: Open

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

To consider the Committee's work programme.

Recommendation(s)

THAT: the work programme as appended be approved.

Key Points Summary

- The Committee is asked to agree its work programme and to note progress on the scrutiny reviews approved by the Committee in July.

Alternative Options

- 1 It is for the Committee to determine its work programme as it sees fit to reflect the priorities facing Herefordshire. Any number of subjects could be included in the work programme. However, the Committee does need to be selective and ensure that the work programme is focused on the key issues, realistic and deliverable within the existing resources available.

Reasons for Recommendations

- 2 The Committee needs to develop a robust and manageable work programme to ensure that scrutiny is focused, effective and produces clear outcomes.

Introduction and Background

- 3 On 27 July the Committee agreed to hold a workshop for the Members of the Committee to consider the Committee's work programme with the intention that a proposed programme would then be reported to the Committee for approval.

Further information on the subject of this report is available from
Tim Brown, Committee Manager (Scrutiny) on (01432) 260239

- 4 A workshop was held on 19 September. Members were presented with suggestions for scrutiny submitted by Members of the Council; a list of issues retained on the work programmes of the former scrutiny committees; and suggestions for scrutiny that had been received from Members of the public.
- 5 A draft work programme based on discussions at that workshop is appended. The appendix also contains a chart showing progress to date on the six scrutiny reviews commissioned by the Committee in July.
- 6 A project plan for each piece of task and finish work (scoping statement) will be reported to the Committee for consideration. The plan will identify a clear focus for each proposed scrutiny activity and set out clear outcomes to demonstrate that scrutiny involvement will be beneficial. Members of the Committee will be invited to comment on the scoping statements as they are developed.
- 7 As recognised in the discussion paper on the new scrutiny model the work programme needs to retain flexibility to respond to events as the Committee sees fit. A report on the work programme will be made to each scheduled meeting of the Committee.
- 8 At the workshop the Vice-Chairman (Health and Wellbeing) highlighted the extent and significance of the Committee's statutory responsibilities for health scrutiny. It was agreed that, as an informal arrangement, the Vice Chairman for Health and Well Being and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee should receive regular updates on health matters. This informal group would have no powers but would refer any issues requiring the formal expression of a view to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for its consideration.
- 9 It was noted that the Committee also has a statutory responsibility to scrutinise Crime and Disorder Matters. There is a minimum requirement of one meeting a year. Guidance states that the scrutiny function should consider community safety issues more consistently throughout the year just as it would with any other subject matter. The work programme provides for the Committee's meeting in March to consider Crime and Disorder matters. The Committee can determine to scrutinise additional matters as it sees fit.

Community Impact

- 10 The topics selected for scrutiny should have regard to what matters to the County's residents.

Financial Implications

- 11 The costs of the work of the Scrutiny Committee will have to be met within existing resources. It should be noted the costs of running scrutiny will be subject to an assessment to support appropriate processes.

Legal Implications

- 12 The Council is required to deliver an Overview and Scrutiny function.

Risk Management

- 13 There is a reputational risk to the Council if the Overview and Scrutiny function does not operate effectively. The arrangements for the development of the work programme should help to mitigate this risk.

Consultees

- 14 Following initial consultation on topics for scrutiny with Directors and Members of the Cabinet, all Members of the Council were invited to suggest items for scrutiny.

Appendices

- 15 Draft Overview and Scrutiny Committee Work Programme

Background Papers

- None identified.

DRAFT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

(Methods of Scrutiny the Committee is invited to consider for each item include: briefing note, report to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC), one day review by Task and Finish Group or in depth review by Task and Finish Group.)

Committee/ Themed Area	Date	Item	Purpose	Method of Scrutiny	Progress	Comment
Overview and Scrutiny Committee (OSC)	17 October 2011	Accommodation Strategy	To consider options to be put forward to Cabinet on the Accommodation Strategy.	Report to OSC		
OSC (All themes)	17 October 2011	Briefing on the Amey Contract	To brief Members on the Contract.	Report to OSC		
OSC (Children and Education)	7 October 2011	Youth Justice Plan	To consider whether to comment on the Plan	Budget and Policy Framework Item Report to OSC		
OSC (All themes)	28 November 2011	Report on Budget Preparation and Emerging Options	To inform the Committee at an early stage of the Executive's thinking about the Budget.	Budget and Policy Framework item Report to OSC and Interview Leader		Follow up consideration scheduled for January 2012

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OSC (All themes)	28 November 2011	Scoping reports for Task and Finish work.	To report on Scoping of matters identified in the Work Programme for Future Task and Finish and One day Review.			
OSC (Enterprise and Culture)	28 November 2011	Report on progress against the Executive's action plans for previous Scrutiny Reviews of Tourism and Volunteering	To assess progress against the Executive's action plans.	Report to OSC		
OSC (All themes)	9 December 2011	Local Development Framework	To receive a report on the consultation process.	Budget and Policy Framework Item Half/One day Review by OSC (Cllr Watts to be lead Vice-Chairman)		The latest consultation will close on 28 November. The Committee will be informed of the legal requirements governing consultation on the LDF and consultation process

Committee/ Themed Area	Date	Item	Purpose	Method of Scrutiny	Progress	Comment
						undertaken to date by the Council and invited to comment. The Committee will then have the opportunity to give consideration to an analysis of responses to the latest round of consultation and the proposals in the LDF in the New Year before consideration by Cabinet and Council.
OSC (Corporate Services)	December 2011	Report of Income and Charging Task and Finish Group	To consider the Group's report and whether to recommend the findings to the Executive.	Report to OSC		
OSC (All themes)	16 January 2012	Medium Term Financial Strategy and Budget 2012/13	To consider the Executive's Budget Proposals	Budget and Policy Framework item		

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			inviting the Committee's comments to Cabinet.	Report to OSC.		
OSC (All themes)	January/February	Local Development Framework	To give consideration to an analysis of responses to the latest round of consultation and the proposals in the LDF for consideration by Cabinet and Council.	Budget and Policy Framework item One Day Review by OSC		Consideration needs to be given as to whether to consider the LDF in conjunction with the Local Transport Plan.
OSC (All themes)	January/February	Local Transport Plan		Budget and Policy Framework item One Day Review by OSC (See LDF above)		See comment on LDF above
OSC (Highways Transportation)	April/May 2012	Development of Waste Facility	To consider the proposed development of a waste facility in	Report to OSC		

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and Waste)			Worcestershire under the Joint Waste Disposal Contract and express views to Cabinet in advance of Cabinet consideration.			
OSC (All themes)	January 2012	Consideration of reports of first tranche of other Task and Finish Groups.	To consider whether to recommend the findings of the reviews to the Executive.	Report to OSC		
OSC (Health and Wellbeing)	19 March 12	National Health Policies	To ensure members of the Committee are up to date with the latest national initiatives and their implications.	Report to OSC		A small informal group of OSC Members, including the Vice Chairman for Health and Well Being will receive regular updates on health matters.

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OSC (Corporate Services)	19 March 12	Executive Response to Income and Charging Review	To consider whether the Committee agrees with the Executive's response to the findings of the Income and Charging Review	Report to OSC		
OSC (Health and Wellbeing)	19 March 12	Review of Safer Herefordshire proposals (Community Safety Partnership).	To review performance of Safer Herefordshire and priorities for the year ahead	Report to Committee in accordance with statutory requirement to undertake Crime and Disorder Scrutiny.		
OSC (All themes)	23 April 2012	Executive Responses to first tranche of Task and Finish Reviews	To consider the Group's report and whether to recommend the findings to the Executive.	Report to OSC		
OSC (Health and	September 12	Make Ready Ambulance Service	To review the new system of	Report to OSC/one day review by OSC if		

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Wellbeing)			managing deployment of ambulances after 9 months of operation.	appropriate.		
OSC (Children and Education/ Health and Wellbeing)	TBC	Children's health and wellbeing (a focus on Childhood obesity)	To examine the data on Childhood weight and obesity the implications and to make recommendations on any action needed by Herefordshire Public Services.	One day Review by OSC		
OSC (All themes)	TBC	Local Transport Plan	To review proposals in the Local Transport Plan in advance of their consideration by Cabinet.	Budget and Policy Framework One day Review by OSC.		

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Children and Education	TBC	Education in Herefordshire	To consider the implications of national policy changes for the Herefordshire Learning Community. In particular to consider the changes as a result of the Academies Act and associated legislation and national changes, as well as the guiding vision and principles being developed for Herefordshire. (To be scoped)	Task and Finish Review		
Corporate	TBC	Community Infrastructure Levy	To respond to Cabinet's request that Scrutiny look into the principles	Task and Finish Review		It has been suggested that a Task and Finish Review should be undertaken prior to a

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			that might underpin a Community Infrastructure levy			consultation exercise and a further Task and Finish Review undertaken following the consultation exercise to make recommendations to Cabinet.
Enterprise and Culture	TBC	Tourism and the use of the River Wye	Scope to be determined	Task and Finish review		
Enterprise and Culture	TBC	Proposals for methods of service delivery within this themed area (eg heritage services.)	Scope to be determined	Report to OSC		
Enterprise and Culture	Spring 2012	Broadband	To consider progress in delivering Broadband within the County. Pre decision scrutiny prior to letting joint contract.	One day Task and Finish review		

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Environment, Housing and Planning	TBC	Affordable Housing	Scope to be determined	Task and Finish Review		
Health and Wellbeing	TBC	Access To Health	To consider access to a range of services including Stroke Services. Scope to be determined	Task and Finish Review		
Highways Transportation and Waste	TBC	Park and Ride	To review park and ride provision for Hereford City in the context of the Local Transport Plan.	Task and Finish Review		Consideration needs to be given to timing of this work and whether it is to take place prior to consideration of the LTP or afterwards.
Highways Transportation and Waste	TBC	Variable speed limits within short distances	To investigate examples of roads having speed zones changing for a short	One day Task and Finish review		Consideration needs to be given to timing of this work and whether it is to take place prior to

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			distance to a higher limit and then reverting to a lower limit.			consideration of the LTP or afterwards.

Progress on Current Reviews

Review	Meetings	Comment
Council Procurement Policy and Local Business and Local Employment	20/9 5/10 14/10	Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group. T Presentation received on current procurement arrangements. Meetings scheduled with Chamber of Commerce, Halo and Shaw Homes.
Income and Charging	28/9	Background documentation is being prepared for circulation to the Group. It is proposed to tighten the scope of review now that clarification has been received on the timescale within which the Group needs to report.
Planning System Review – Development Control and the operation of the Constitution	22/9 10/10 18/10	Background documentation has been prepared circulated to the Group and discussed. Arrangements made for visit to Planning Department to walk through the planning process.
Safeguarding Adults	21/9 21/10	Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group. The scope of the review has been discussed and refined. The next meeting will seek the views of the Care Homes Providers Forum.
Safeguarding arrangements for Children	25/8 15/9 4/10	Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group. Interviews held with Police and Heads of Service. Next meeting is to consider arrangements for looked after children.

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Tourist Signing (Brown Signs)	<p>6/9</p> <p>29/9/11 (Site visit)</p> <p>13/10</p>	<p>Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group.</p> <p>The terms of reference have been widened to include a review of guidance provided on temporary event signage and a review of temporary signage delivery.</p> <p>A site visit has been arranged for the Group to observe signing issues.</p> <p>Interviews are also being programmed.</p>

