

SCRUTINY ACTIVITY REPORT

Report By: Director of Corporate and Customer Services

Wards Affected

County-wide

Purpose

1. To consider the work being undertaken by the Scrutiny Committees.

Financial Implications

2. None

Background

3. This report summarises the matters considered by the Scrutiny Committees since the last report by this Committee to Council. It is intended to help keep Council aware of the work being undertaken.
4. The work of the Committees is analysed below as far as practicable under the following five roles for overview and scrutiny: holding the executive to account, best value reviews, policy development and review, external scrutiny, and improvement (performance management and review).

Summary

5. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 19th June 2007 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Scrutiny Review Group: Household Waste Recycling in Herefordshire. Scrutiny Review Group: Draft Travellers Policy.
External Scrutiny	Safety on Trunk Roads
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Good Environmental Management (GEM). Capital Budget Monitoring. Revenue Budget Monitoring. Environment Directorate Plan: Outturn for 2006/07 Performance Indicators.
Other	Introduction by Cabinet Member (Highways and Transportation). Introduction by Cabinet Member (Environment and Strategic Housing). Committee Work Programme.

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

8. The Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 22nd June, 2007 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Fairer Charging Policy. Joint Scrutiny Review: Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life.
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Revenue Budget Outturn 2006/07 and budget 2007/08. Commission for Social Care Inspection report on services for people with learning disabilities and the Council's Action Plan. Performance Monitoring.
Other	Co-opted Membership. Work Programme.

9. The Children's Services Scrutiny Committee met on 25th June, 2007 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Joint Scrutiny Review: Transition from Leaving Care to Adult Life.
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Children and Young People's Plan Annual Review 2006/07 and Annual Performance Assessment. Children and Young People's Directorate Plan 2007-2010. Capital Budget Outturn Report 2006/07. Revenue Budget Monitoring. Performance reporting on Children and Young People's Services 2006/07 outturn.
Other	Review and consideration of Committee representative arrangements. Work Programme.

10. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 12th March 2007 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	-
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Public Service Trust for Herefordshire.
External Scrutiny	Presentations on behalf of: The Herefordshire Primary Care Trust. The Hereford Hospitals NHS Trust. West Midlands Regional Ambulance Trust.
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	
Other	Work Programme

11. The Community Services Scrutiny Committee met on 2nd July 2007 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	Review of the Support for Museums and Heritage Centres – Cabinet’s Response.
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Proposed Review of Agreement with Halo Leisure Trust. Proposed Review of Tourism.
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Cultural Services Comprehensive Performance Assessment Report. Performance Monitoring. Service Plan for Economic and Community Services.
Other	Herefordshire Satisfaction Survey. Work Programme.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None