

## SCRUTINY ACTIVITY REPORT

Report By: County Secretary and Solicitor

### 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 By Programme Area

#### Education

5. The Education Scrutiny Committee met on 23 September 2003 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Special Educational Needs Provision and Support Services – Stage 1
Policy Development and Review	School Workforce Remodelling Training and Support of Governors Home to School/College Transport – Discretionary Areas of Policy

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

External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Year 2003 provisional results for Herefordshire Schools Performance Indicators Sickness Absence Capital budget Revenue Budget
Other	

6. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 26 September 2003 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Implementation of Improvement Plans Commercial Enforcement Progress Report
Policy Development and Review	
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Sickness Absence Capital Budget Revenue Budget Performance Indicators
Other	-

7. Items for the Health Scrutiny Committee meeting on 8th October, 2003 are as follows:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Not applicable
Policy Development and Review	Making Partnership Work for Patients, Carers and Service Users – a consultation Choice Responsiveness and Equity
External Scrutiny	Work of the Community Health Council

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Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	
Other	Work Programme Training Programme

8. The Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 29 September 2003 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	Cabinet Member presentation on policy issues
Best Value Reviews	Carer Support – Stage 3 Adoption and Fostering – Stage 1
Policy Development and Review	Audit of Services following the Victoria Climbié Inquiry Extra Care Housing Development Delayed Transfers of Care and Reimbursements
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Performance Statistics Revenue Budget Herefordshire Plan Ambition Groups
Other	Work Programme

9. The Social and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee met on 4th September 2003 and 2nd October 2003 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	Presentations by Cabinet Members for Community and Social Development, Rural Regeneration and Smallholdings, and Economic Development Markets and Property
Best Value Reviews	Improvement Plan Monitoring
Policy Development and Review	Draft Strategic Framework for Libraries Access to Services in Kington and

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	Surrounding Areas Policy on Festivals
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Revenue Budget Adult learning Inspectorate's inspection of the Adult and Community Learning Service Performance Indicators Regeneration Funding Streams Herefordshire Plan Ambition Group Staffing Numbers
Other	Engagement of Expert Witnesses

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- None