

## 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 19 January 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Banding in Primary Schools – Interim Progress Report ICT Technical Support Service Level Agreements with Schools
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Year 2003 Results for Herefordshire Schools Herefordshire Plan and Partnership Progress

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

and Review)	Report Monitoring of Revenue And Capital Budgets Monitoring of Performance Targets in Education Business Plan 2003-2004 Comprehensive Performance Assessment – Education Component
Other	Work Programme

6. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 23 January 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Implementation of Improvement Plans
Policy Development and Review	Parking Strategy Polytunnels
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Human Resources Revenue Budget Monitoring Capital Budget Monitoring Performance Indicators Highway Maintenance
Other	Work Programme

7. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 29th January, 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Management of Legionnaires Disease Outbreak Emergency Care Access Car Parking – Hereford Hospital
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	

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Other	Ear Nose and Throat Service Consultation
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8. The Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 27 January, 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	-
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Older People's Business Case Extra Care Housing Development Home Support Staff – Recruitment and Workforce Issues
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Supporting People Programme Inspection Progress Report on Joint Review Action Plan Revenue Budget/Performance Indicators
Other	Work Programme

9. The Social and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee met on 14 January 2004 and 5 February 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Consideration of the Economic position of Hereford City
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Progress of the Community Youth Service Towards New Standards Adult Learning Inspectorate Re-inspection Performance Indicators Human Resources
Other	

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None

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