

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.)

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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	Reported 17 October	
OSC (All themes)	17 October 2011	Briefing on the Amey Contract	To brief Members on the Contract.	Report to OSC	Reported 17 October	
OSC (Children and Education)	17 October 2011	Youth Justice Plan	To consider whether to comment on the Plan	Budget and Policy Framework Item Report to OSC	Reported 17 October	
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

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						<p>undertaken to date by the Council and invited to comment.</p> <p>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.</p>
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 before 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	To review proposals in the Local Transport Plan in advance of their consideration by Cabinet.	Budget and Policy Framework item One Day Review by OSC (See LDF above)		See comment on LDF above
OSC	April/May	Development of	To consider the	Report to OSC		

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(Highways Transportation and Waste)	2012	Waste Facility	proposed development of a waste facility in 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		

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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.
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.		

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OSC (All themes)	23 April 2012	Executive Responses to first tranche of Task and Finish Reviews	To consider whether the Committee agrees with the Executive's response to the findings of the various reviews.	Report to OSC		
OSC (Health and Wellbeing)	September 12	Make Ready Ambulance Service	To review the new system of managing deployment of ambulances after 9 months of operation.	Report to OSC/one day review by OSC if 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 , consider the implications and make recommendations on any action	One day Review by OSC		

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			needed by Herefordshire Public Services.			
Children and Education	February/March 2012	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		

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Corporate	TBC	Community Infrastructure Levy	To respond to Cabinet's request that Scrutiny look into the principles that might underpin a Community Infrastructure levy	Task and Finish Review		It has been suggested that a Task and Finish Review should be undertaken prior to a 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	One day Task and Finish review		

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			the County. Pre decision scrutiny prior to letting joint contract.			
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.

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Highways Transportation and Waste	TBC	Variable speed limits within short distances	To investigate examples of roads having speed zones changing for a short distance to a higher limit and then reverting to a lower limit.	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 consideration of the LTP or afterwards.

Progress on Current Reviews

Review	Meetings	Comment
Council Procurement Policy and Local Business and Local Employment	20/9 14/10 25/10	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 10/10	Background documentation has been circulated to the Group and additional information requested. Scope of review tightened 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 14/10	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>20/10</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 held for the Group to observe signing issues.</p> <p>Interviews are also being programmed.</p>