

## 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 22 June 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Pupil Referral Service – Progress Report Special Educational Needs Services
Policy Development and Review	Policy on 14-19 education Standard School Year Proposal for 2005/2006 Health and Safety of Pupils during Educational Visits Review of Discretionary Policies Applicable to Home to School Transport Education of Excluded Pupils Outcome of Parental Applications for Year 6 Pupil Transfers to High Schools September 2004

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)	Monitoring of Capital Schemes Revenue Outturn 2003/04 and Budget 2004/05 Best Value Performance Indicators 2003-2004
Other	

6. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 18 and 23 June 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Implementation of Improvement Plans
Policy Development and Review	Review of the Voluntary Code of Practice for the Use of Polytunnels in Herefordshire
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	GEM Performance 2003/2004 Waste Management Capital Programme 2004/2005 Revenue budget 2004/05 and Outturn 2003/4 Performance Indicators Herefordshire Plan Ambitions
Other	-

7. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 23 and 28 June, 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Access and Waiting Communication and Morale Review of Management of Legionnaires Disease Outbreak
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	
Other	Arrangements for Provision of Cancer Services

8. The Committee is also to meet on 29th July, 2004 to consider the annual report of the Director of Public Health.

9. The Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 17 June 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	-
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Scoping Work – Home Care and Supported Housing
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	National Inspection Arrangements and Local Performance Performance Monitoring Budget Monitoring
Other	

10. The Social and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee met on 11 June 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Festivals Review – Progress Report South Wye SRB Forward Strategy
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Adult Learning Inspectorate Re-inspection Performance Monitoring Herefordshire Plan Ambition Groups
Other	

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None