

Progress on Current Reviews

Review	Meetings	Comment
Council Procurement Policy and Local Business and Local Employment	20/9 14/10 25/10 9/11 16/11 7/12 5/1/12 13/1 13/2 16/2	Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group. T Presentation received on current procurement arrangements. Meetings held with Chamber of Commerce, Halo and Shaw Homes, Director of Places and Communities, Chief Officer – Finance and Commercial. A public meeting also held to which local businesses were invited. Meeting held with Amey and visit undertaken. The Group's final report appears elsewhere on this agenda.
Income and Charging	28/9 10/10 24/10 13/12 1/3	Background documentation has been circulated to the Group and additional information requested. Scope of review was tightened following clarification on the timescale within which the Group needs to report. The Council commissioned a piece of work by PriceWaterhouseCoopers (PWC) covering ground the Group had proposed to cover. The Group therefore refocused its approach planning to analyse and comment on the work produced by PWC. A presentation was received form PWC and some initial comments submitted to the Commercial Board. Following receipt of the final PWC report the Group has completed its work to a tight timescale dictated by the need to submit its report prior to Cabinet's consideration of income and charging

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		<p>proposals on 29 March.</p> <p>The Group's final report appears elsewhere on this agenda.</p>
<p>Planning System Review – Development Control and the operation of the Constitution</p>	<p>22/9/11</p> <p>10/10/11</p> <p>18/10/11</p> <p>14/11/11</p> <p>12/3/12</p>	<p>Background documentation has been prepared, circulated to the Group and discussed.</p> <p>Arrangements made for visit to Planning Department to walk through the planning process.</p> <p>Further meeting held to discuss further issues contained in the scoping statement. Arrangements are being made for the Group to visit another planning authority. Results from the government's Planning Advisory Service questionnaire of services users is awaited. Initial drafting of the final report has commenced.</p> <p>Planning Advisory Services questionnaire results received and considered. Commenced final drafting of findings from the review.</p>
<p>Safeguarding Adults</p>	<p>21/9</p> <p>21/10</p> <p>21/11</p> <p>2/12</p> <p>26/01/12</p> <p>19/3/12</p>	<p>Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group.</p> <p>The scope of the review has been discussed and refined. The next meeting will seek the views of the Care Homes Providers Forum.</p> <p>Meeting to consider operational safeguarding</p> <p>Visits to Care Homes on Leominster and Lyonshall</p> <p>Interviews with CQC and Adult Safeguarding</p> <p>Meeting to discuss initial draft report</p> <p>Final report presented for consideration by O&S Committee elsewhere on this agenda.</p>

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Safeguarding arrangements for Children	25/8 15/9 14/10 22/11 8/12 13/01/12	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. Review Group will meet with Foster Carers in Moor House Meeting with young people in care at Centre 18 Meeting to discuss initial draft report. Meeting with teachers being arranged to get teachers viewpoint.
Tourist Signing (Brown Signs)	6/9/11 29/9/11 (Site visit) 20/10/11 8/11/11 21/12/11 5/3/12	Background documentation has been prepared and circulated to the Group. 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. A site visit has been held for the Group to observe signing issues. Interviews are also being programmed. Further aspects considered and conclusions considered for drafting of the final report. A draft of the final report has been issued to the Group for comment. Depending on the views expressed the Chairman will decide whether a further meeting is required. Report presented to Overview &Scrutiny Committee but item deferred to 19/3/12. The Group's report appears elsewhere on this agenda.