

Task and Finish Reviews –Progress Report

General Overview & Scrutiny Committee

REVIEWS IDENTIFIED FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY	
Proposed Review	Status
Free Schools	The Chairman has requested information concerning free schools and will decide whether a review is required. The Chairman is monitoring the situation.
Scrutiny of arm's length public companies	Chairman is in discussion with the Deputy Chief Executive concerning the scrutiny of Council public limited companies. Following the January Committee further information will be supplied to the Committee concerning the access of information relating to such companies.
Road Surfaces (Potholes)	Feasibility Study complete. Officer response is that topic will be covered by Street Scene Root and Branch Review.
Legal Services	Feasibility Study complete. Scoping to be confirmed. The Chairman is in correspondence with the Acting Chief Executive concerning this review.
Governance & Management of Joint Ventures/Partnering Arrangements –	Feasibility Study complete. Scoping to be confirmed
Accommodation Strategy	Feasibility Study complete. Scoping to be confirmed.
Digital Channels Strategy	Feasibility Study complete. Report on digital channels strategy and links with Broadband to be made to the Committee in October to identify what needs to be reviewed. Since the above the Vice Chair has been in discussion with the Assistant Director People Policy and Partnership and further work is being undertaken on scoping of the review (27.11.12) The Chairman is in correspondence with the Acting Chief Executive concerning this review.
Locality Working	Feasibility Study complete. Scoping to be confirmed. Report to be made to Committee in October to identify what needs to be reviewed. The Chairman met with Locality Lead Officers on 8 January. Subject will continue to be monitored by the Chairman.

Traffic Speed Signs	Feasibility Study complete. Officer response is that topic will be covered by Street Scene Root and Branch Review.
Market Towns Shop Fronts	Feasibility Study on-going. Officer response is that this could be incorporated in a Root and Branch Review looking into the part that building conservation work in general and market town shop fronts can play in a conservation-led regeneration of our market towns.
Financial Support to the Arts	The Chairman suggested this review at the Committee on 10 December 2012. Scoping of the review is at very early stages. The Chairman and Cllr Swinford are considering the scope for a possible review prior to seeking information from the Cultural Services Manager.
Review the Council's Communication Policy	This review was suggested at the Committee on 10 December 2012.
Monitoring the Council's 'Public Services Vision'	This review was suggested at the Committee on 10 December 2012. This relates to the vision contained in the Corporate Plan 2013/15 reported to Council 23 November 2012.
Council Procurement Policy and Local Business and Local Employment (Further Review)	The Committee on 10 December decided to undertake a further short review to investigate a number of concerns arising from the update. The Chairman of the Committee has sought further information on the Proactis system which was identified at the December meeting as being of concern and he will then decide whether the concerns are still warranted or whether to reform the T&F Group.

REVIEWS IN PROGRESS		
Review	Meetings	Comment
Housing Allocations Policy and Effective Use of the Housing Stock	18/6/12 6/9/12 8/10/12 15/11/12	Consideration of background material. Met to discuss policy options. Discussion with representatives of Forces Consideration of further evidence prior to drafting of the report. Project continuing.

Community Infrastructure Levy – draft policy for Herefordshire (Part 2)	-	<p>The report of the T&F Group was considered by the Committee on 10 December and forwarded to the Executive for consideration. Arising from that review it was acknowledged that further work was needed. The Group will be recommissioned to undertake that work.</p> <p>The T&F Group Chairman is in discussion with Officers to establish when the Group should meet and what information will be available.</p>
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REVIEWS COMPLETED AND AWAITING RESPONSE FROM THE EXECUTIVE

Review	Comment
Community Infrastructure Levy – draft policy for Herefordshire (Part 1)	The Executive Action Plan in response to the review is contained in this agenda.

REVIEWS COMPLETED AND SUBJECT TO MONITORING OF THE EXECUTIVE ACTION PLAN

Review	Comment
	None currently in this section.