

General Overview and Scrutiny Committee: Draft Work Programme 2014/15

Agenda Items

Monday 24 November 2014 (from 10.00am, formally at 11.30 am)	
Budget 2015/16 and Medium Term Financial Strategy	Following a joint briefing for scrutiny members at the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee at 10.00am, to receive and comment on the budget proposals.
Monday 26 January 2015 at 10.00am	
Education Strategy - School Estates	To provide scrutiny input into the development of an estates strategy for schools to meet the council's duties in relation to sufficiency of school places and maintenance of buildings.
Task and Finish Group Reports	To receive reports from any completed task and finish group reviews commissioned by the committee.
Tuesday 10 March 2015 at 10.00 am	
School Attainment Figures	To receive and comment on the school attainment figures for Herefordshire schools.

Task and Finish Groups

The following Task and Finish Groups have been commissioned:	Status:
Balfour Beatty Living Places - Public Realm Services	Work underway (five meetings held to 16 October 2014)
Community Infrastructure Levy	Phase three work underway (three meetings held to 20 October 2014)
Development Management (Planning)	Work underway (three meetings held to 16 October 2014)
Digital Strategy	To be reviewed at the conclusion of the other Task and Finish Groups.

Member Seminars

Seminars have been identified for scrutiny members as follows:	Status:
Community Safety Partnership Workstreams	11 November 2014 at 2.30pm, Shire Hall
Pupil Premium and Hidden / Actual Costs of Education and Pupil Premium	Officers have been requested to facilitate a scrutiny seminar/workshop on these matters, likely to be in early 2015.

Briefing Notes

The following topics shall be dealt with via briefing notes for committee members:	Status:
Local Transport Plan	To be prepared by the end of October 2014
Retention of Organisational Memory	To be prepared by the end of October 2014
Waste Management	To be prepared by the end of October 2014
Arm's Length Companies / Wider Commissioning Arrangements	To be prepared by the end of November 2014
Probation Service Performance	To be prepared by the end of November 2014
Update on the Executive Response to the Task and Finish Group Report on Household Recycling Centres	The Executive Response to the report was received by the committee on 8 September 2014 (minute 18 refers). Informed by the findings, Worcestershire County Council is currently undertaking its own review. A briefing note will be prepared by the end of March 2015.