

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 14th December, 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Update on Reviews Conducted Special Educational Needs Provision and Support Services Improvement Plan
Policy Development and Review	Education Welfare Service – Policy and procedures on Schools Attendance Supporting pupils Learning English as a foreign language Security in Schools Primary School Provision in Hereford City
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Progress of Major Capital Schemes and Targeted Capital Fund Revenue Budget Monitoring

Further information on the subject of this report is available from Tim Brown Committee Manager (Scrutiny) on 01432 260239

	Local Public Service Agreement
Other	

6. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 8th December, 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Implementation of Improvement Plans
Policy Development and Review	Supporting Local Bus Services Parking Strategy - update
External Scrutiny	A49 Trunk Road – Road Safety Issues
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Capital Budget Monitoring Revenue Budget Monitoring Good Environmental Management Performance Herefordshire Plan Ambitions Human Resources Performance Indicators
Other	-

7. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 9th December, 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Emergency Care Access Communication and Morale Future Support for Patient and Public Involvement in Health
External Scrutiny	Primary Care Trust Briefing
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	
Other	-

8. The Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 13th December 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	-
Best Value Reviews	Services for People with a Physical Disability
Policy Development and Review	Home Care Supported Housing for People with Mental Health Problems
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Supporting People Programme Performance Indicators Revenue Budget Monitoring
Other	Annual Social Services Conference

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9. The Social and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee met on 3rd December 2004 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Tourism Services
Policy Development and Review	Future use of Libraries Courtyard Review - update
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Performance Indicators Youth Service Indicators Revenue Budget Monitoring Staffing Numbers Herefordshire Plan Ambition Groups
Other	

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None