

## 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 March, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Special Educational Needs
Policy Development and Review	Teachers Workload Agreement – Monitoring of Progress Extension of banded SEN funding from primary schools into secondary schools Support provided for gifted and talented pupils Drug Education in Schools
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Year 2004 results Ofsted Inspections of Schools Capital Budget Monitoring Revenue Budget Monitoring

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

Other	Work Programme
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6. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 24th January, 2005, 28th February, 2005 and 30th March, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Implementation of Improvement Plans
Policy Development and Review	County-Wide Parking Strategy Review
External Scrutiny	Trunk Roads in Herefordshire (Highways Agency)
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Capital Budget Monitoring Revenue Budget Monitoring Performance Indicators
Other	Work Programme

7. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 31st March, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Changes to Nursing Respite Services for Older People with Mental Health Problems
External Scrutiny	Presentation by Primary Care Trust Patient and Public Involvement Forums
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	
Other	Work Programme Health Scrutiny Consultations

8. The Social Care and Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 5th April, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	Presentation by Cabinet Member
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Review of Home Support Services for older People Review of Accommodation, Housing and Housing-Related Support needs of People Experiencing Severe and Enduring Mental Health Problems Respite Services for People with Learning Disabilities in Herefordshire
External Scrutiny	

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Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Revenue Budget Monitoring Performance Monitoring Report on Serious Case Reviews
Other	National and Local Changes to Scrutiny of Children's Services Work Programme

9. The Social and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee met on 31st January, 2005 and 22nd March, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Possible Pedestrianisation of Widemarsh Street, Hereford (2) Review of Support to the Voluntary Sector – Position Statement Review of the Courtyard The Courtyard Review Update External Funding Parish Council Liaison
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Performance Indicators Adult and Community Learning – Result of Reinspection
Other	Work Programme

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None