

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

5. The Adult Social Care and Strategic Housing Scrutiny Committee met on 10th June 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	Private Sector Housing – Stage 3 Best Value Reviews Update
Policy Development and Review	Green Paper-Independence, wellbeing and Choice
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Budget Monitoring Performance Monitoring
Other	

6. The newly formed Childrens' Services Scrutiny Committee has not met formally but in view of its new, wider remit has instead held an informal meeting to discuss its future role.

7. The Community Services Scrutiny Committee met on 13th June, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Castle Green Regeneration project Review of how to retain 18-35 year olds within Herefordshire or attract them to it.
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Youth Service Performance Monitoring
Other	-

8. The Committee also piloted arrangements for enhancing public participation as referred to elsewhere on this agenda.

9. The Environment Scrutiny Committee met on 6th June 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	-
Best Value Reviews	Commercial Enforcement – Stage 3 Report Improvement Plans
Policy Development and Review	Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006/7 – 2010/11 Corporate Environment Strategy and Revised Policy Biodiversity Strategic Framework
External Scrutiny	Trunk Roads in Herefordshire
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Capital Programme Revenue Budget GEM report Performance Indicators
Other	

10. The Health Scrutiny Committee met on 16th June, 2005 and considered the following issues:

Theme	Reports
Holding the Executive to Account	
Best Value Reviews	
Policy Development and Review	Patient and Public Involvement Forums - Protocol
External Scrutiny	
Improvement (Performance Management and Review)	Provision of Ear, Nose and Throat Services New General medical Services Contract 2004-2005
Other	Work Programme

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None