

MANAGEMENT SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

SCRUTINY COMMITTEES WORK PROGRAMMES FOR 2011-12

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

19 January 2012

Strategic Priority: ALL

Corporate Improvement Objective : ALL

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The report attaches, for Members' information, the variations to the Scrutiny Committees work programmes for 2011/12 and provides an opportunity to review the Committee's own work programme for 2011/12.

2. Background

- 2.1 The role of the Management Scrutiny Committee is two-fold, firstly it has a role in co-ordinating efficient business across the seven Scrutiny Committees and manage the overall Scrutiny Work Programme and secondly to consider the Council's corporate policies, performance and financial issues.
- 2.2 The aim of its co-ordinating role is to avoid duplication, make best use of resources and to provide a corporate overview of the Overview and Scrutiny Function. As such the remainder of this report outlines the current work programmes of the Scrutiny Committees.

3. Scrutiny Committees Work Programmes

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** sets out the changes this month to the Scrutiny Committee work programmes from those endorsed at the start of the municipal year. Each Scrutiny Committee receives its own work programme in full each month in order to review progress.

4. Management Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme

- 4.1 **Appendix 2** outlines this Committee's full work programme for the year, updated to reflect new additions and amendments requested by Committee as the year has progressed.
- 4.2 Members will recall the State of the City event was held on Wednesday 14th September 2011 in City Space at Sunderland University. The event was an opportunity for the public to express their views, concerns and aspirations as well as to listen to key stakeholders and partners from across the city on the key themes of People, Place and Economy.

- 4.3 As part of the event there were opportunities for members of the public to raise issues and ask questions of the assembled panel. It was suggested by the committee that the key points raised from these discussions may merit further consideration by the relevant scrutiny committee when preparing their work programmes for 2012/13.
- 4.4 *Clinical Commissioning Groups* (Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee) – the issue of one commissioning group for Sunderland was raised and if this would be sufficient for the size and volume of GP practices within the area. Although it was explained that this commissioning group was an umbrella body with five groups below that based on the local authority regeneration areas.
- 4.5 *Sunderland's Vision* (Management Scrutiny Committee) – the issue of what is Sunderland's vision and how this is communicated to local people, residents and young people was raised. It was acknowledged that engagement and communication could be problematic across the city, but the council was proud of its work with young people.
- 4.6 *Houghton Quarry* (Environment and Attractive Scrutiny Committee) – the concerns around air quality in Houghton due to the landfill site was raised. It was acknowledged that Elected Members frequently raised these issues on behalf of their constituents and the major responsibility for the situation belonged with the Environment Agency.
- 4.7 *Perception/Fear of Crime* (Community and Safer City Scrutiny Committee) – the issue around the perception and/or fear of crime with actual levels of bad behaviour was discussed through a member of the public raising an individual concern. The police and partners engage in a number of ways to tackle crime and disorder, but are always looking for new and innovative ways to address this and change the public perception of areas.
- 4.8 *Marketing and Perception of Sunderland* (Environment and Attractive City Scrutiny Committee) – the issue was raised about how we promote Sunderland to other parts of the country and it was highlighted that we do market Sunderland both nationally and internationally.
- 4.9 *The economic climate's effect on the city centre* (Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee) - it was queried what effect the current economic climate was having on companies within the city centre and what plans the Council had for the city centre in the future. It was reported that it was important to make the city centre as attractive as possible to investors for when the economy did pick up.
- 4.10 *The transport infrastructure* (Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee) – the subject was raised of what improvements could be expected to the city's transport infrastructure including issues such as extending the Metro to the north side of the river, road improvements, the iconic bridge and port development to attract and support business.

- 4.11 *Regeneration of Roker/Seaburn* (Prosperity and Economic Development Scrutiny Committee) – the regeneration of the seafront was raised and it was highlighted that the area would be regenerated within the context of the Council's Seafront Strategy and its masterplan for Marine Walk and Seaburn.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That the Committee notes the variations to the Scrutiny Committees Work Programmes for 2011-12 and to its own work programme.
- 5.2 That the Committee notes the issues raised as part of the State of the City Event in preparing work programmes for 2012/13.

6. Background Papers

Scrutiny Committee Agendas – January 2012 cycle of meetings.

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	JUNE 9.6.11	JULY 21.7.11	SEPTEMBER 8.9.11	OCTOBER 20.10.11	DECEMBER 8.12.11	DECEMBER 14.12.11	JANUARY 12.1.12	FEBRUARY 23.2.12	APRIL 5.4.12
Cabinet Referrals and Responses		Article 4: Youth Justice Plan 2011/12 (JH/GK)	Cabinet Response to 2010/11 Policy Review – Learning at Work (NC) Article 4: CYPP Annual Report			Evidence Gathering Meeting			Article 4: CYPP Update
Policy Review	Proposals for policy review (NC)	Scope of review (NC)	Approach to the Review (NC)	Update on Policy Review (NC)	Policy Review – Update Expert Jury Event		Policy Review	Policy Review – Update	Policy Review – Draft Report
Performance	Looked After Children and the Court System (MB) Youth Commissioned Contracts (SM)	Schools Performance - Termly Report (MF) Breaks for Carers of Disabled Children (KP)	Provisional KS Results (MF/AB) Performance & VfM Annual Report (BS) Monitoring of Scrutiny Recommendations (NC)	Complaints Annual Report 11/12 (BS) SSCB Annual Report and Business Plan (JV) New Ofsted Inspection Framework (MF)	Ofsted Annual Children's Services Assessment (BS) Performance Q2 April – Sept (BS) Admissions Report Fixed Penalty Notices (MF)		Review of Acute Special Paediatric Service (LT) Outcomes from Unannounced Inspection Early Intervention Core Offer Library Plan (JH)	Verified Key Stage Results (MF) Education Act 2011	Schools Performance – Termly Report (MF)
Scrutiny	Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC) Safe & Sustainable Consultation: Children's Heart Services (NC)	Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)	Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)	Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)	Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)		Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)	Corporate Parenting Annual Report (MB) Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)	Scrutiny Annual Report (NC) Work Programme 2011/12 (NC) Forward Plan (NC)
CCFA/Members items/Petitions									

To be scheduled: Behaviour & Attendance Strategy
School Place Planning
Contact, Referral and Assessment Arrangements – Action Plan

HEALTH AND WELL-BEING SCRUTINY COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2011-12

	JUNE 08.06.11	JULY 19.07.11	SEPTEMBER 7.09.11	OCTOBER 19.10.11	DECEMBER 07.12.11	JANUARY 11.01.12	FEBRUARY 22.02.12	APRIL 4.04.12
Cabinet Referrals & Responses			Cabinet Response to 2010/11 Hospital Food & Veterans Policy Reviews		Policy Review: Evidence Gathering Day			Policy Review: Community Event
Policy Review	Work Programme & Policy Review – Hospital Discharge & Reablement (KB)	Scope of Policy Review (KJB)	Endorse co-opted representation Setting the Scene – Delayed Discharge (JC/AN) Monitoring Action Plans: Dementia, Home Care, Health Inequalities	Community Health Services (BA) CQC In-patient survey leaving health services		Out of Hours (JU)	Evidence Gathering	
Performance			Q1 Performance Report (SL)			Q2 Performance (ML)		
Scrutiny	Safe and Sustainable: Consultation (KB) Integrated Strategic & Operational Plan (STPCT) Health & Well-Being Board (NR)	Campus Completion Programme (PCT/NTW) Training Standards Care Homes (GK)	Procurement of social care for adults with a learning disability – progress report (PF)	Meals at Home Service (PC) Barmston Medical Centre Procurement (PCT) End of Life Facilities (PCT)		JSNA Consultation (NC) In-patient beds for LD (NTW) Community Covenant	Health Watch (JC) Health Strategy consultation (NC) Sick Children consultation	
CCfA/Members items/Petitions		Request to attend conferences Feedback visit to Wearmouth View						

