

BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

SCRUTINY STEERING BOARD

5TH FEBRUARY 2008

SCRUTINY PROPOSALS

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| Responsible Portfolio Holder | |
| Responsible Head of Service | Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services |

1. SUMMARY

1.1 Members are asked to consider the scrutiny proposal forms received.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 Members of the Board are requested to decide whether or not the scrutiny proposals submitted should be included in the future work programme of this Board.

2.2 If the Board does wish to add these to the work programme, Members will also need to agree the priority order.

2.3 Finally, Members will need to decide if they wish to establish a Task Group. (Please Note: There are currently two Task Groups running. The Public Transport (Buses) Task Group is likely to be disbanded at the Board's meeting in April and the Refuse and Recycling Task Group is likely to be disbanded for the Board's meeting in May. These dates are subject to the decisions made by this Board and Cabinet when considering the scrutiny reports from each Task Group.)

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Under the current ways of working, any Member can request a subject is scrutinised by completing a scrutiny proposal form and their request can then be considered by the Scrutiny Steering Board.

3.2 The scrutiny proposal attached as appendix 1 relates to reducing teenage anti-social behaviour which was submitted by the Leader, Councillor Hollingworth. The Board considered this at its meeting in November when it was agreed that it should be deferred until the New Year when current Task Groups were closer to completing their scrutiny investigations.

- 3.3 The scrutiny proposal attached as appendix 2 came out of discussions held at the November Meeting where it was agreed that Councillor Duddy would complete a scrutiny proposal form relating to Alcohol Free Zones (a suggestion made by Executive Director – Partnerships and Projects)
- 3.4 Attached as appendix 3 is the final scrutiny proposal received which relates to scrutinising issues surrounding the ICT Spatial Project and has recently been submitted by Councillor McDonald.
- 3.5 This Board needs to decide whether or not the issues set out in appendices 1 to 3 should be scrutinised in the future.
- 3.6 If the Board decides to include any of these topics on the work programme as items they believe should be scrutinised, the Board should ensure they agree the priority order.
- 3.7 Assuming Members wish to scrutinise one (or more) of the proposals, the Board then needs to agree whether or not it wishes to establish a Task Group to scrutinise the issue. If Members are minded to create a Task Group, they will also need to appoint a Chairman and decide when the terms of reference and membership of the Task Group should be considered.
- 3.8 Members are reminded that the Public Transport – Buses Task Group is due to be disbanded in April and the Refuse and Recycling Task Group is due to be disbanded in May, subject to this Board's and the Cabinet's responses to the findings and scrutiny recommendations.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no financial implications directly related to this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no legal implications directly related to this report.

6. COUNCIL OBJECTIVES

- 6.1 This report does not directly link to the Council objectives, however, it could be said that the scrutiny proposals link to sense of community and well being.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 7.1 There are no risk management issues directly related to this report.

8. CUSTOMER IMPLICATIONS

8.1 There are no customer implications directly relating to this report.

9. EQUALITIES AND DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

9.1 There are no implications directly relating to this report for the Council's Equalities and Diversity Policies.

10. VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

10.1 There are no value for money implications directly relating to this report.

11. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

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| Procurement Issues – None |
| Personnel Implications – None |
| Governance/Performance Management – None |
| Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime and Disorder Act 1998 – None, however, the scrutiny proposals do relate to community safety as well as Section 17 of the 1998 Act. |
| Policy – None |
| Environmental – None |

12. OTHERS CONSULTED ON THE REPORT

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| Portfolio Holder | N/A |
| Chief Executive | Yes |
| Executive Director (Partnerships and Projects) | Yes |
| Executive Director (Services) | Yes |
| Assistant Chief Executive | Yes |
| Head of Service | Yes |
| Head of Financial Services | No |

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| Head of Legal, Equalities & Democratic Services | Yes |
| Head of Organisational Development & HR | No |
| Corporate Procurement Team | No |

13. WARDS AFFECTED

All Wards.

14. APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Scrutiny Proposal Form submitted by Councillor Hollingworth.

Appendix 2 – Scrutiny Proposal Form submitted by Councillor Duddy.

Appendix 3 – Scrutiny Proposal Form submitted by Councillor McDonald.

15. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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