

SCRUTINY STEERING BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME

The Work Programme consists of three sections: Items for Future Scrutiny and Updates; Current Scrutiny Task Groups; and Scrutiny Task Group Reviews.

RECOMMENDATION: To consider and agree the work programme

ITEMS FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY AND UPDATES

Subject	Date of Consideration	Other Information
Recommendation Tracker	Jan/Mar/May/ July/Sept/Nov	Report monitoring recommendations to be included on the Board's Agenda on a bi-monthly basis for a trial period of 12 months starting January 2008.
Climate Change	4th March 2008	To avoid duplicating the work of the Energy Efficiency Project Group (which has been set up to evaluate the recommendations contained within the Energy Savings Trust Assessment) the Board agreed at its November 2007 meeting to consider this item as a possible topic for scrutiny in March 2008. The Board now needs to decide whether or not it should remain on its work programme.
Value for Money – Street Scene and Waste Management	4th March 2008	The Board decided to consider this topic as a possible area for scrutiny at its next meeting in March 2008. The Board now needs to decide whether or not it should remain on its work programme.
Spatial Programme (ICT) (Scrutiny proposal from Councillor McDonald)	4th March 2008	At the last meeting of the Board, Members decided not to establish a Task Group to scrutinise this topic at this time. The Board now needs to decide whether or not it should remain on its work programme.
Older People (Councillor Mrs. Bunker)	TBC	Possible area for scrutiny following outcome of a focus group to find out specific issues which may need to be scrutinised in future. A scrutiny proposal would need to be completed if the Board was minded to scrutinise this area.
Worcestershire Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Network (Update)	TBC	Members to receive an update from Chairman after the next Worcestershire Network meeting when meeting date has been confirmed.

CURRENT SCRUTINY TASK GROUPS

Current Task Groups	Date Report Due	Other Information
Public Transport - Buses	<p align="center">5th February 2008</p> <p align="center">(Due to be considered by Cabinet on 5th March 2008. Cabinet Response to be presented to the Board on 1st April 2008)</p>	<p>Task Group established and Councillor B. Lewis F.CMI appointed as Task Group Chairman. Membership and Terms of Reference agreed July 2007. First Task Group Meeting held on 22nd August 2007 following the Scrutiny Training on 20th August 2007. Task Group has been granted one month's extension and work is to be completed no later than 21st January 2008.</p>
Refuse and Recycling	<p align="center">4th March 2008</p> <p align="center">(Due to be considered by Cabinet on 2nd April 2008. Cabinet Response to be presented to the Board on 29th April 2008.)</p>	<p>Task Group established and Councillor C. R. Scurrill appointed as the new Task Group Chairman in October. Membership and Terms of Reference originally agreed July 2007. First Task Group Meeting held on 22nd August 2007 at 6pm following the Scrutiny Training on 20th August 2007. Due to change in Chairman, Task Group work is now due to be completed no later than 28th January 2008.</p>
Reducing Anti-Social Behaviour	<p align="center">TBA</p>	<p>Task Group established. Appointment of Chairman, Membership and Terms of Reference to be agreed.</p>
Alcohol Free Zones	<p align="center">TBA</p>	<p>Task Group established and Councillor J. T. Duddy appointed as Task Group Chairman. Membership and Terms of Reference to be agreed on 5th March 2008. First meeting due to be held April 2008.</p>

SCRUTINY TASK GROUP REVIEWS

Task Group	Date of Review (when Task Group is due to reconvene)
Culture and Community Services	9th July 2007 - Task Group work complete -
Use of Consultants	24th July 2007 - Task Group work complete -
Bromsgrove District Housing Trust (BDHT)	11th December 2007 - Task Group work complete -
Car Parking	6th March 2008
Flytipping	12th March 2008
Watercourses	19th March 2008
Air Quality	January 2009

Note: A seminar relating to the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 will be held in the future covering key courses of action. This will be arranged once more is known on what the impact will be on overview and scrutiny committees.