

SCRUTINY STEERING BOARD

WORK PROGRAMME

30TH SEPTEMBER 2008

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

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (a) to consider the comments made by the Performance Management Board; and
- (b) to consider and agree the work programme.

Comments made by the Performance Management Board

At the Performance Management Board Meeting held on 19th August 2008 it was agreed that, in light of the results of the third Customer Panel Survey and the current and projected age profile of the population both locally and nationally, the Scrutiny Steering Board be requested to expedite the establishment of a Scrutiny Task Group to consider issues relating to older people.

At present, the topic of 'Older People' is the next item on this Board's work programme to be scrutinised. As soon as one of the current Scrutiny Task Groups has completed its work and presented its findings and recommendations, and a scrutiny proposal relating to Older People has been submitted, the Board will be able to establish a new Task Group, as supported by the Performance Management Board.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY AND UPDATES

Subject	Date of Consideration	Other Information
Recommendation Tracker - <i>Permanent Item</i> -	Jan/Mar/April/ July/Sept/Nov	A bi-monthly report monitoring the implementation of scrutiny recommendations. (Initially for a trial period of 12 months starting January 2008.)

ITEMS FOR FUTURE SCRUTINY AND UPDATES continued...

Subject	Date of Consideration	Other Information
<p>Worcestershire Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen Network (Update) - <i>Permanent Item</i> -</p> <p>Flooding Scrutiny</p>	<p>4th November 2008</p>	<p>At the last meeting of the Board, the Chairman informed Members that the Joint Countywide Scrutiny Report was being finalised and would be circulated shortly.</p> <p>The deadline for comments on the Draft Scrutiny Report has been extended by the County Council until 26th September 2008 and, dependent on the nature and type of comments received, the report may then either be amended and agreed with the Chairman, published and circulated, or the Chairman may decide a further meeting of the Joint Scrutiny Task Group is required to consider and agree any amendments. If such a meeting is necessary, it is anticipated it would have to take place early/mid October to prevent further delays.</p> <p>Therefore, it is expected that the report will be considered by this Board at its next meeting. Unfortunately, the Chairman of the Task Group is unavailable to attend the next Board Meeting, however, an officer from Worcestershire County Council (who has been supporting the Task Group) will be present.</p> <p>If the report is approved by this Board, it is anticipated that the Task Group Chairman, along with the Board Chairman, will present the report to the Cabinet on 3 December 2008.</p>
<p>Budget Process 2009/10 – 2011/12</p>	<p>2nd December 2008</p>	<p>A presentation will be given to the Board on the Budget Process, recommended Capital Programme and Draft Base Budget for 2009/10 - 2011/12.</p>
<p>Older People (Councillor Mrs. Bunker)</p>	<p>TBA</p>	<p>Possible area for future scrutiny following the outcome of focus groups to find out specific issues which may need to be scrutinised. A scrutiny proposal would need to be completed if the Board was minded to scrutinise this area.</p>

CURRENT SCRUTINY TASK GROUPS

Current Task Groups	Date Report Due	Other Information
Anti-Social Behaviour and Alcohol Free Zones	4th November 2008 / 2nd December 2008	Task Group merged and Councillor C. B. Taylor appointed as Task Group Chairman. Membership and Terms of Reference agreed by the Board on 29th April and 22nd May 2008. First meeting held on 25th June 2008.
Refuse and Recycling - VFM	2nd December 2008 (First report considered and approved by Cabinet on 2nd April 2008.)	Task Group to carry out additional work in relation to Value for Money (VFM). Terms of Reference agreed by the Board on 22nd May 2008. Four of the five original Task Group Members agreed to carry out the work on behalf of the Board following VFM Training in June 2008. Councillor C. R. Scurrill remains as Task Group Chairman. First meeting held on 7th July 2008.

SCRUTINY TASK GROUP REVIEWS

Task Group	Date of Review (when Task Group is due to reconvene)
Air Quality	February 2009
Public Transport (Buses)	March 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.