

AGENDA ITEM

REPORT TO EXECUTIVE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2011

REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF LAW AND DEMOCRACY

SELECT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

The report asks Executive Scrutiny Committee to approve and allocate the ongoing scrutiny work programme.

WORK PROGRAMME

1. Over the past two years the Scrutiny work programme has focused on providing support to the Council's Efficiency, Improvement and Transformation (EIT) programme with Member involvement in all reviews.

2. All reviews for Years 1 and 2 have or will be completed by the end of the 2010/11 municipal year with the exception of the following topics:

- Children and Young Peoples Assessment/ Field Work
- Mental Health and Learning Disability

3. At their last meeting, Executive Scrutiny Committee allocated the review of Mental Health and Learning Disability to Health Select Committee to agree a scope for review and undertake some preliminary work ahead of the May elections with work continuing into the 2011/12 municipal year. In addition, on 19 October, Executive Scrutiny Committee took a decision to expedite some Year 3 EIT reviews into the current year.

4. Remaining review topics for the Year 3 EIT Programme are set out below with a suggestion for how they might be allocated to Select Committees. Given that Year 3 reviews have already been prioritised for scrutiny by the Scrutiny Liaison Forum and the number of reviews to be undertaken as part of Year 3, it is proposed that Executive Scrutiny Committee agree the work programme without the need for a further meeting of the Scrutiny Liaison Forum. Whilst recognising the priority of the EIT programme, Executive Scrutiny Committee still retains the flexibility to review it in the light of any emerging issues within year.

	Review	Type of Review	Select Committee
1.	Learning Disability and Mental Health	Select Committee	Health
2.	Children's Social Care Management Children and Young Peoples Assessment/ Fieldwork	Gateway	ALCS
3.	Registration and Bereavement	Gateway	ALCS
4.	Care for Your Area	Select Committee	Environment

5.	Community Safety and Security	Select Committee	Housing and Community Safety
6.	Legal	Reporting In	Executive Scrutiny
7.	Waste Management	Gateway	Environment
8.	Housing Benefits	Gateway	Housing and Community Safety
9.	Commissioned Carers and Independent Living Services	Select Committee	CASSI
10.	School Improvement	Select Committee	CYP
11.	Housing	Gateway	Housing and Community Safety
12.	Regeneration	Select Committee	Regeneration and Transport

5. In addition to the above Year 3 reviews, Children and Young People Select Committee have been made aware that the current Officer Led Task and Finish Review of Connexions (reporting to Cabinet in February 2011) will form part of a bigger piece of work on Early Intervention Grants. It is proposed that this work continues to be led by Officer Task and Finish Group reporting at key stages to the Children and Young People Select Committee. Becky Brown will be lead officer for this review.

FINANCIAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There will be staffing implications in order to provide the necessary support for reviews.

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Background Papers: None
Ward(s) and Ward Councillors: Not Ward Specific
Property Implications: None