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REPORT ON REVIEW PROGRAMME FOR 2012/13

Scrutiny Work Programme

Review	Committee	Current Position	Report to Cabinet	Big Ticket Item
EIT Review of Learning Disabilities and Mental Health	Adult Services & Health	See EIT Year 3 Reviews Carried Forward	January 2013	£
Domiciliary Care	Adult Services & Health	Review to begin once EIT review completed	TBC	£
Marketing of Stockton's Visitor Offer	Arts Leisure & Culture	Committee gathering evidence and finished phase one (visitor economy) of the review, now starting phase two (marketing). On track to report to April Cabinet	April 2013	
Quality and Sufficiency of Childcare	Children & Young People	Committee continuing to gather evidence and on track to report to February Cabinet	February 2013	
Child Placements & Foster Care	Children & Young People	Review to begin once Quality and Sufficiency of Childcare review complete	TBC	£
Outside Bodies	Corporate & Social Inclusion	Final report agreed at Cabinet in September and presented with an action plan to implement recommendations, which will develop and apply criteria to determine continued membership of all outside bodies.	September 2012	
Energy Supply	Corporate & Social Inclusion	Committee continues to gather evidence and will be developing draft recommendations at the end of November	February 2013	£
Impact of Welfare Reform	Corporate & Social Inclusion	Information being reported to Committee as and when known	NA	
Affordable Warmth	Environment	Reviewed summary of evidence and areas for draft recommendations identified, including development of an Affordable Warmth delivery plan. Committee on track to report to February Cabinet.	February 2013	
Tobacco Control	Housing & Community Safety	Phase one (regulatory issues regarding illicit tobacco) completed. Phase Two is beginning to look at health issues.	April 2013	
Performance of Housing Providers	Housing & Community Safety	Review to begin once Tobacco Control review completed	TBC	

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Long Term Abandoned Properties	Regeneration & Transport	Draft recommendations to be formulated in December, Committee will report in February 2013 to coincide with Council Tax Discount Scheme plans.	February 2013
Employability/NEET/Quality of Training	Regeneration & Transport	Review to begin in winter	TBC
Gated Communities	Executive Scrutiny	Task and Finish Group appointed to consider evidence in June 2012 and reporting to July 2012 Executive Scrutiny Committee recommended no further review work to be carried out.	NA

Officer Led EIT Reviews

Review	Current Position	Lead Officer	Report to Cabinet
Transport	It is anticipated that this review will deliver quick wins across the following areas: - Procurement - Staff structures/ back office organisation - Use of ICT for route optimisation - Currently preparing detailed scope and project plan	Richard McGuckin	January 2013
Subsidies to External Organisations	Work on-going to consider appropriateness of all subsidies paid to external organisations, taking account of earlier EIT work undertaken.	Reuben Kench	
Vehicles & Fuel	Review being undertaken to identify whether alternative arrangements can build on the significant savings previously identified through: • Desktop review of previous SBC procurement exercises, audit reports, benchmarking analysis and other sources of information; • Examination of procurement arrangements in other local public bodies; • Examination of available joint procurement arrangements. This review is now part of the big ticket review of Energy and Waste.	Jamie McCann	December 2012
Fees & Charges	Officers have been collecting data about our current	Garry Cummings / Paul	January 2013

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Capital Strategy Group will feed ideas into CMT and Cabinet.	Garry Cummings	
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heat for Municipal Buildings, is on-going.	
 Electric vehicles – lease costs for new pool car 	
vehicles being considered and the pilot of other	
fleet is on-going.	

EIT Year 3 Reviews Carried Forward

Review	Reporting to	Current Position	Cabinet Date
Building Assets	Reporting In – Executive Scrutiny	Report presented to December Cabinet. Savings of £329,000 were identified, other savings will be dependent upon analysis of the options to be evaluated. In June 2012 Executive Scrutiny and Cabinet received reports on further progress in rationalising office accommodation which summarised developments regarding the use of Children's Centre properties and other buildings. Further savings are expected to arise from the second phase of the review of facilities management and from the review of Libraries Services and Youth and Community Buildings. Further reports will be submitted to Executive Scrutiny and Cabinet In October 2012.	
Learning Disabilities and Mental Health	Health Scrutiny Review	An interim report regarding Learning Disabilities phase was presented to Cabinet in May 2012, with the final report due to be presented in January. Consultation completed. Proposals for Mental Health due to report to January Cabinet prior to public consultation.	May 2012 (interim) January 2013