

**Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee
6 December 2011**

Work Programme 2011-12

**Report of the Chair of the Communities Overview and
Scrutiny Committee**

Recommendation

The Communities Overview and Scrutiny Committee is recommended to agree the work programme, to be reviewed and reprioritised as appropriate throughout the year.

1. Summary

The Committee's Work Programme is attached as Appendix A. The Work Programme will be reviewed and reprioritised throughout the year so that the Committee can adopt a flexible approach and respond to issues as they emerge.

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| | | | Performance Management | Holding Executive to Account | Policy Review / Development | Overview | Ambition 1 Community and Customers | Ambition 2 Safety and Protection | Ambition 4 Enterprise, Transport and Tourism | Ambition 5 Environment and Housing | Ambition 7 Organisation |
| 09 February 2012 | Fire and Rescue Service Improvement Plan (Gary Phillips) | To scrutinise implementation of the improvement plan and assess the impact of fire station closures. | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Reduced number and severity of fires, and fire related injuries and deaths. | | | Slim down the organisation and encourage innovation. |
| | Community Fire Safety (Gary Phillips) | To scrutinise the effectiveness of Community Fire Safety. | ✓ | | ✓ | | | Reduced number and severity of fires, and fire related injuries and deaths. | | | |
| | Community Policing (Martin McNevin) | To assess the impact of the changes to Community Policing. | ✓ | | ✓ | | | Reduced levels of crime and anti-social behaviour. | | | |
| | Major Infrastructure (Adrian Hart / Roger Newham) | To scrutinise how WCC secures transport infrastructure to support major development, using the LEP as a case study. | | | | ✓ | | | Improve accessibility and transport options within Warwickshire. | | |
| April 2012 | HS2 – WCC Strategy (Mandy Walker) | (If HS2 goes ahead) To scrutinise the strategy for mitigation of negative impacts and assess how to make the most of the benefits for Warwickshire. | | | ✓ | | | | | Maintain our natural environment for future generations. | |
| | Fire Control (Gary Phillips) | To consider proposals for Fire Control. | | | ✓ | | | Reduced number and severity of fires, and fire related injuries and deaths. | | | |
| | Rural Bus Service Reductions and Concessionary Travel (Kevin McGovern, Dan Green) | To scrutinise the impact of the changes to transport provision for service users. | | ✓ | ✓ | | Customers are able to access services more effectively. | | Improve accessibility and transport options within Warwickshire. | | |
| May / June 2012 | Road Safety (Estyn Williams) | To assess the impact of the changes to safety camera operation. | | ✓ | ✓ | | | Warwickshire residents are safe on our roads. | | | |
| June 2012 | Anti-Social Behavior (Mark Ryder) | To assess strategies in place to reduce ASB and the impact of changes to public service provision on ASB (e.g. changes to the Youth Service). | | ✓ | ✓ | | | Reduced levels of harm caused by anti-social behaviour. | | | |
| Spring 2012 (or later) | Highways Contract (Andrew Savage) | To scrutinise the effectiveness of the new highways contract with Belfour Beatty. | ✓ | ✓ | | | | Proactively maintain the highways network to a safe standard, working with partners to do so. | | | Work with other public sector organisations to integrate services. |
| September 2012 | Concessionary Travel | To assess the impact of WCC taking over the concessionary travel scheme and upcoming changes for service users. | ✓ | | ✓ | | Customers are able to access services more effectively. | | Improve accessibility and transport options within Warwickshire. | | |
| Items to be timetabled | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Climate Change | To scrutinise the effectiveness of the Climate Change Partnership. To review the outcomes achieved by the Climate Change Partnership. | ✓ | ✓ | | | | | | Reduce CO2 emissions in the public sector. Support community to tackle climate change. | |

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| | Waste Contract – New Technologies | To scrutinise the impact of the new waste technologies. | | | ✓ | | | | | Reduce the amount of waste sent to landfill. | Work with other public sector organisations to integrate services. |
| (March 2012) | Fire and Rescue – Strategic Alliance | To scrutinise the upcoming Strategic Alliance between Warwickshire and Northamptonshire. | ✓ | | ✓ | | | Reduced number and severity of fires, and fire related injuries and deaths. | | | |
| | Flood Risk Management | Delegated from the O&S Board – to scrutinise the strategies in place to reduce flood risk. | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| | Trading Standards | To scrutinise the effectiveness of the Trading Standards service for Warwickshire residents. | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| | Local Enterprise Partnership | To scrutinise the work of the LEP (as issues arise). | ✓ | | ✓ | | | | | | |
| Briefing notes | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | Review of Domestic Support Services in Warwickshire Kate Nash/Sue Ingram | Proposals following the outcomes of the Consultation on Review of Domestic Support Services in Warwickshire | | | | ✓ | | Work with the Police to reduce levels of domestic violence. | | | |