

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Overview And Scrutiny Board

Date of Committee 3rd March 2010

Report Title Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme

Summary This report outlines the Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme for the Board to review and amend as appropriate.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:-

Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members Cllr Appleton, Chair of OSB
- Cabinet Member Cllr Farnell, Leader
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury, Corporate Legal Services Manager
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors David Carter, Strategic Director for Customers, Workforce and Governance
- District Councils
- Health Authority

Police

Other Bodies/Individuals Jane Pollard, Democratic Services Manager

FINAL DECISION YES

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme

Report of the Strategic Director for Customers, Workforce and Governance

Recommendation

The Board is recommended:

- i) To review the Scrutiny In-depth Review Work Programme and amend / re-prioritise as appropriate.
- ii) To discuss the proposal to establish a Joint Task and Finish Group to scrutinise the performance of the Public Service Board on a twice yearly basis as outlined in paragraph 3.2.
- iii) To nominate 2 or 3 members of the Board to work with the Overview and Scrutiny Manager to develop detailed proposals for a Joint Task and Finish Group and for these proposals to be discussed at the June meeting of the Board.

1. Background

- 1.1 At its meeting on 2nd September 2009, the Board agreed an in-depth Review Work Programme, based on the suggested topics that were identified through the Overview and Scrutiny Committee Workshops in July 2009. The purpose of the Review Work Programme is to enable effective planning of in-depth scrutiny work across all Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 1.2 The Review Work Programme is based upon a planning level of 6-10 in-depth reviews / select committees per year. The Board agreed that planning at this level would enable more effective management of O+S work and enable the Board to retain some flexibility in order to deal with any issues that arise throughout the year and any joint scrutiny issues identified by the Board.

2. In-depth Review Work Programme

- 2.1 An updated Review Work Programme is attached as Appendix A and includes the following changes.
 - A joint review between Health OSC and Children, Young People and Families OSC in relation to the Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services has been scheduled for February to April 2010, as agreed by the Board. This review will focus on waiting times for assessments and differences in service delivery between the north and south of the

County. It is anticipated that the review will be undertaken as a Select Committee.

- Following a successful bid to the Centre for Public Scrutiny (CfPS), a joint review between Warwickshire County Council, Rugby Borough Council and Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council in relation to Ante-Natal and Post-Natal support for Teenage Parents has been scheduled between February and November 2010. The review will be supported by a £5000 grant from the CfPS, along with 6 days of CfPS Expert Advisor Support. As the review is a joint review, it will be supported by officers from those Councils involved. The remaining Districts are being approached and invited to participate in the review.

2.2 The progress on the In-Depth Reviews that have commenced is outlined below:

- The Exclusions Task and Finish Group has scoped the review and held its first evidence session.
- The Safeguarding Task and Finish Group has scoped the review and held two evidence sessions
- The Review of Hawthorn Ward has held an initial evidence meeting and is planning to undertake further research before forming any conclusions.
- The Carers Support Task and Finish Group has scoped the review.

2.3 The agreed Review Scopes and Plans for each Task and Finish Group are available on the scrutiny pages of the Council's website, www.warwickshire.gov.uk/scrutiny

3. Proposal for Joint Scrutiny Review in relation to the Public Service Board

3.1 The remit of the Overview and Scrutiny Board includes commissioning, with partners, the arrangements for the review and or scrutiny (including joint scrutiny) of the development, coordination and performance of partnership working in Warwickshire including the local area agreement, and other significant partnerships. Cllr Appleton, Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, has proposed that a joint task and finish group, consisting of representatives from all partner organisations, be established to scrutinise the performance of the Public Service Board (PSB) in relation to the following:

- Development and implementation of an improvement plan to address areas of concern highlighted in the CAA – particularly partnership working
- Development of shared services
- Delivery of the Sustainable Communities Strategy
- How the links between the PSB (executive body) and the Public Service Board Advisory Forum and delivery groups can be improved

3.2 At the same time as 3.1 above a recent review of partnership governance arrangements has also been examining the issue of accountability of partnership working and the role of Joint Scrutiny. These proposals have now been endorsed by the Public Service Board. It is recommended that the

Overview and Scrutiny Board establish appropriate mechanisms for ensuring that Block Leaders and LSP Chairs are invited to account for delivery of targets on a twice yearly basis. The Governance Review recommends that the Joint Scrutiny Board will report any issues to the Public Service Board.

- 3.3 The suggestions for Joint Scrutiny proposed by Cllr Appleton and the Governance Review are similar in nature. It is recommended that they be combined and that the Overview and Scrutiny Board establish a Joint Task and Finish Group to meet twice yearly to hold Block Leads to account for delivery of targets and to consider wider partnership issues, such as the CAA Improvement Plan.
- 3.4 In establishing a Joint Task and Finish Group, it is recommended that the Task and Finish Group should reflect the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, including County Councillors, District Councillors, a member of the Police Authority and a representative from NHS Warwickshire. Inline with the membership of the Overview and Scrutiny Board, elected members of the Task and Finish Group should be members of a scrutiny committee.
- 3.5 In order to progress the establishment of a Joint Task and Finish Group it is recommended that the Board nominate 2 or 3 members to work with the Overview and Scrutiny Manager, to develop detailed proposals for the Task and Finish Group to be discussed at the June meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board.

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In-depth Review Programme 2009/12

Review	Members	Nov 09	Dec 09	Jan 10	Feb 10	Mar 10	Apr 10	May 10	Jun 10	Jul 10	Aug 10	Sept 10	Oct 10	Nov 10	Dec 10	Jan 11	
Safeguarding	Cllrs: Ross (C), Perry (C), Jackson (L), Balaam (LD)	MM															
Exclusions	Cllrs: Robbins (C), Hazelton (C), Cockings (LD) and Naylor (L)	PW															
CAMHS	Cllrs: Watson (C), Ashford (C), Tooth (L), Boad (LD), McCarney (L), Roodhouse (LD), TBC 2 Conservative				AM / MM												
Health In Pregnancy Women 20+	Cllrs: Roache (SDC), (C), Fox (C), McCarney (L), Johnston (LD), TBC 1 Conservative WCC	AM															
Carers Support	Cllrs: Gittus (C), Watson (C), Rolfe (LD), Longden ((L)				PW												
Services for Teenage Parents (Joint)	Cllrs: Robbins (C), Warner (C), Findley (NBBC) (BNP), T. Wilson (NBBC) (C),				PW												
Low-Level intervention /prevention	Cllrs: Butlin (C), Wilson (C), Longden (L), Dodd (LD)				MM												
Over 65's Not In Good Health	TBC					AM											
Hawthorn Ward	Cllrs: Watson (C), Roodhouse (RBC rep) (LD), Tooth (L), Bragg (RBC rep) (C)				AM												
Integrated Youth Service	TBC											MM					
Alcohol Abuse	TBC												PW				
Climate change and carbon reduction	TBC												AM				

Not Timetabled: Home Care as this is dependent upon Adults OSC identifying how a further review will add value as the issue was considered by the Committee in 2007.

AM – Alwin McGibbon, MM – Michelle McHugh, PW – Paul Williams