

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Overview And Scrutiny Board
Date of Committee 25TH May 2011
Report Title Scrutiny Reviews Progress Report and New Proposals for Task and Finish Groups
Summary The Overview and Scrutiny Board is asked to comment on the progress of scrutiny reviews and consider any new proposals for task and finish groups to undertake reviews.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework?

Background papers None

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members Councillors Chris Saint, Les Caborn, Mike Doody, June Tandy, John Whitehouse
- Cabinet Member For information Councillors: Colin Hayfield, Peter Butlin, Martin Heatley.
- Chief Executive
- Legal Jane Pollard
- Finance
- Other Strategic Directors David Carter, Strategic Director for Resources Group

- District Councils
- Health Authority
- Police
- Other Bodies/Individuals

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 Reviews Progress Report and New Proposals for Task and Finish Groups

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Board

- (1) Comments on the progress of the scrutiny reviews
- (2) Considers any new proposals for Task and Finish Groups
- (3) Decides which groups it wishes to commission and appoints the members and chairs of those groups.

1. Proposals for new Task and Finish Groups

The Children and Young People OSC are re-submitting the proposal for a Task and Finish Group in relation to Post-16 Transport for the Board's consideration. The proposed scope is attached as Appendix B.

2. Scrutiny Reviews Progress Report 2010/11

Topic	Reports to Parent Committees	Progress and Comments
Hawthorn Ward	Health OSC 1.07.2010	Recommendations referred to PCT and NHS Partnership Trust. Recommendations accepted.
School Exclusions	Children & Young People OSC 8.9.2010	Cabinet endorsed the recommendations on 18/11/2010 subject to any financial implications arising from the recommendations being considered as part of the Budget and subject to emerging Government policy changes.
Safeguarding Children	Children & Young People OSC 8.9.2010	Cabinet endorsed the recommendations on 18/11/2010 subject to any financial implications arising from the recommendations being considered as part of the Budget and subject to emerging Government policy changes.

Child Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS)	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 16.09.2010	The recommendations were approved by Cabinet on 16/12/2010, subject to any financial implications being considered as part of the Council's budget process.
Support for Carers	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 16.09.2010	Cabinet on 16/12/2010 approved recommendations 1,2,3,4,8,11,12,
Rugby A&E Services consultation	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 12.10.2010	Recommendations were endorsed by ASC&H OSC on 12.10.2010 and forwarded to Warwickshire PCT and UHCW
Ante Natal and Post Natal Services for Teenage Parents	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 8.12.2010	Recommendations endorsed by OSC on 8.12.2010. Cabinet 27.1.2011 agreed the recommendations.
Communication with the public and financial accountability	Overview & Scrutiny Board 25.05.2011	Phase 1 recommendations agreed by Cabinet 27.1.2011. Phase 2 underway – member survey planned. May be asking for extension from May to July 2011 for reporting.
Public Service Reform	Overview & Scrutiny Board 25.05.2011	Cabinet agreed Phase 1 recommendations 27.1.2011. Phase 2 has commenced –next session 17/02/2011 on strategic commissioning.
Household Waste Recycling Centres	Communities OSC 3.11.2010	Recommendations made and being implemented
Adult Social Care Prevention Services	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 24.1.2011	Overview and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the recommendations on 24.1.2011 and Cabinet agreed on 27.1.2011
Discharge from hospital and re-ablement	Adult Social Care and Health OSC 29 th June 2011	Report being finalised – reporting to OSC on 29 th June
Supporting the local economy	Communities OSC 30th June 2011	Three meetings so far. Site Visit on 11 th May, following which an additional meeting will be held to develop recommendations.

Waste Disposal	Communities OSC 31 ST August 2011	Following meetings have been arranged: 13 th May – pre-meeting Waster Management Industry Day 17th June - Waste Management Industry Day 21st June - Scoping meeting Other meetings will be arranged following the scoping meeting
Quality Accounts	Adult Social Care and Health OSC – 7 TH June	A briefing will be held on 25 th May for members, with the Quality Accounts being presented to OSC on 7 th June
Maternity Services	To be confirmed	Waiting for NHS Warwickshire to confirm timescales for this consultation, the consultation is likely to start in the Autumn.
Older Adult Mental Health Services	To be confirmed	CWPT have confirmed that this consultation will commence at the end of May. Initial meeting of the Task and Finish Group is currently be organised for beginning of June.

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Strategic Director: David Carter

Portfolio Holder: N/A

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Criteria for Commissioning Scrutiny Reviews

The Overview and Scrutiny Strategy sets out the following criteria for deciding whether to undertake a scrutiny review

- Does this issue have a potential impact for significant section(s) of the population?
- Is it a matter of general public concern?
- Is the issue to be reviewed a key deliverable of a strategic and/or partnership plan?
- Is it a key performance area where the Council needs to improve?
- Is there a legislative requirement to undertake the review?

Secondly to ensure that reviews add value/ make a difference

- Are there adequate resources available to do the activity well?
- Is the overview and scrutiny activity timely?
- Is there a clear objective for scrutinising this topic?
- Is there evidence to support the need for overview and scrutiny?
- What are the likely benefits to the council and its customers?
- Are we likely to achieve a desired outcome?
- What are the potential risks?

Reasons to reject Items for overview and scrutiny might include

- An issue is being examined elsewhere - e.g. by the cabinet, working group, officer group, other body
- An issue was dealt with less than 2 years ago
- New legislation or guidance is expected within the next year
- There is no scope for overview and scrutiny to add value/ make a difference

APPENDIX B

Proposed Scrutiny Review Outline

Review Topic (Name of review)	Post 16 Transport
Panel/Working Group etc – Members	TBA
Key Officer Contact	Nick Williams, Kevin McGovern
Relevant Portfolio Holder(s)	Cllr Heather Timms
Relevant Corporate/LAA Priorities/Targets	Raising educational attainment and improving the lives of children, young people and families
Timing Issues	Start no earlier than January 2012 to enable an assessment of the 2011/12 changes which are due to commence from September 2011.
Type of Review	Select committee style
Resource Estimate	This review if commissioned is likely to take somewhere between 1-2 months to complete the review i.e. up to having an agreed final report ready for submission to committee,. A provisional estimate of scrutiny officer support is between 90 to 120 hours or 15 -20 days depending on the actual methodology used by the review. This assumes a review planning meeting, select committee, meeting to develop conclusions and recommendations, includes arrangements for meetings, research time, liaison and contact with witnesses and write up of evidence and the final report.
Rationale (Key issues and/or reason for doing the review)	The medium term savings plan agreed as part of the 2010/11 revenue budget resolutions assumes savings over 3 years of £1.3M [£379000 in 2010/11, £550,000 in 2011/12 and £371,000 in 2012/13]. The Children Young People and families OSC received a report on 23 June 2010 on the policy changes necessary to achieve the savings target. Concern was expressed about the impact on the education and achievement of children and young people, particularly in rural areas, and the consequent impact on providers. The medium term savings plan agreed as part of the revenue budget 2011/12 set out cumulative savings of £1.087M [2011/12], £2.614M [2012/13], and £3.114M [2013/14]. Cabinet on 14/04/2011 approved changes in policy for the 2011/12 academic year (from September 2011) The focus of the review is to assess the impact of the changes on the opportunities for education and achievement of young people, particularly those in rural areas.

<p>Objectives of Review (Specify exactly what the review should achieve)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ∅ Assess the impact of the changes in Post 16 Transport policy on the attainment/educational opportunities for young people, particularly those in rural areas ∅ Consider proposals for the future funding of the service and any further policy changes. ∅ Assess the implications and impact of any future service/policy changes
<p>Scope of the Topic (What is specifically to be included/excluded)</p>	<p><u>Include</u> The following is included in the scope of the review: Seeking views of</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heads of rural schools from which significant numbers of pupils leave at age 16 and travel somewhere else for post-16 courses • Colleges to which pupils travel • Yr12 students at Colleges • Parents of Yr 11 students in rural schools <p><u>Excluded</u> The following falls outside the scope of the review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •
<p>Indicators of Success – Outputs (What factors would tell you what a good review should look like?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommendations accepted and implemented •
<p>Indicators of Success – Outcomes (What are the potential outcomes of the review e.g. service improvements, policy change, etc?)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No significant adverse impact on the opportunities for education and attainment for young people.
<p>Other Work Being Undertaken (What other work is currently being undertaken in relation to this topic, and any appropriate timescales and deadlines for that work)</p>	