

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Overview And Scrutiny Board
Date of Committee 20th July 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 John Appleton, Les Caborn, Jeff Clarke, Jerry Roodhouse, June Tandy, John Whitehouse
- Cabinet Member For information Councillors: Colin Hayfield, Martin Heatley. David Wright
- 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

There are no new proposals for Task and Finish Groups. However, each of the Overview and Scrutiny Committees will be developing their work programmes for 2011/12 during June and July. It is expected that a number of proposals for Task and Finish Groups will emerge through this process and be presented to the Board at its meeting in September.

2. Scrutiny Reviews Progress Report 2010/11

Progress of the Task and Finish Groups commissioned by the Overview and Scrutiny Board during 2010/11 is attached as Appendix B. The Task and Finish Groups that are currently live are:

- Supporting the Local Economy
- Waste Disposal
- Maternity Services
- Older Adult Mental Health Services
- Post 16-Transport (review due to commence January 2012)

At the last meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board (25th May), members requested an update on the proposals for Task and Finish Groups which were considered by the Board during 2010/11, but not commissioned. This information is contained in Appendix C.

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Portfolio Holder: N/A

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 – Progress on Commissioned Task and Finish Groups 2010/11

Topic	Reports to Parent Committees	Status	Comments
Hawthorn Ward	Health OSC 1.07.2010	Complete	Recommendations referred to PCT and NHS Partnership Trust. Recommendations accepted.
School Exclusions	Children & Young People OSC 8.9.2010	Complete	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	Complete	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	Complete	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	Complete	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	Complete	Recommendations were endorsed by ASC&H OSC on 12.10.2010 and forwarded to Warwickshire PCT and UHCW

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Ante Natal and Post Natal Services for Teenage Parents	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 8.12.2010	Complete	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 20.07.2011	Complete	Phase 1 recommendations agreed by Cabinet 27.1.2011. Phase 2 reporting to 20 th July OSB meeting
Public Service Reform	Overview & Scrutiny Board 25.05.2011	Complete	Phase 2 complete – being considered by Cabinet on 16 th June.
Household Waste Recycling Centres	Communities OSC 3.11.2010	Complete	Recommendations forwarded to Strategic Director and being implemented
Adult Social Care Prevention Services	Adult Social Care & Health OSC 24.1.2011	Complete	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	Complete	Reporting to OSC on 29 th June and then onto Cabinet on 14 th July.
Supporting the local economy	Communities OSC 31 st August 2011	Live	Three meetings so far. Site Visit on 11 th May, following which an additional meeting will be held to develop recommendations.

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Waste Disposal	Communities OSC 31 ST August 2011	Live	The Task and Finish Group observed the Waste Management Industry Day on 17 th June. Scoping meeting was held on 21 st June. The review will be undertaken as a single issue meeting on 22 nd July 2011
Quality Accounts	Adult Social Care and Health OSC – 7 TH June	Complete	Single Issue meeting held on 7 th June. The Committee's commentary on the Quality Accounts were circulated to providers following the meeting
Maternity Services	To be confirmed	Live	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	Live	CWPT have confirmed that this consultation will commence during the summer. The Task and Finish Group has held two initial meetings with CWPT, Arden Cluster and colleagues within Adult Social Services.
Post 16 Transport	To be confirmed	Live	Review to commence January 2012

APPENDIX C – Proposals for Task and Finish Groups not commissioned by Overview and Scrutiny Board

Topic	Reason Not Commissioned	Update
Rationalisation of Property Estate and One Front Door	In July 2010, OSB decided that this was not an urgent or priority area for a Task and Finish Group and decided to include regular reports in the Board's work programme.	OSB has received reports relating to the rationalisation of the property estate at its meetings on 5 th October 2010 and 25 th May 2011. The Board received an update report on One Front Door at its meeting on 10 th November 2010. Additionally, a briefing paper was circulated to the Board in May 2011, providing an update on One Front Door and E-services.
Effective Partnerships	In July 2010, the OSB took the view that this proposal was premature as the shape of future partnerships is not yet known and more information was awaited from government.	This has not been further considered
Shared Services	In July 2010, the OSB questioned the timeliness of this review in advance of the comprehensive spending review.	OSB received a report at its meeting on 10 th November 2010 – updating members on the progress of shared services and the sub-regional programme of collaboration.
Workforce Planning and Down-sizing	In July 2010, the OSB took the view that more information was needed before a scope could be developed and the timeliness of the review established.	At its meeting in March 2011, OSB requested that a report be submitted to each OSC outlining staffing reductions in services relevant to each Committee's remit and impact of these reductions. This should be followed by OSB considering staffing reductions and views of the OSCs.
Transformation 2013	In July 2010, the OSB decided that a Task and Finish Group would duplicate a large amount of work being undertaken by the Transformation 2013 programme. It was thought that this may be a suitable topic at a	This has not been further considered

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	later date, in terms of checking what progress has been made.	
Total Place	In July 2010, the OSB decided not to commission this proposal as the Children and Young People OSC would be considering the impact / outcome of the Total Place pilot.	Children and Young People OSC have considered the outcomes from the Total Place Pilot and has also considered the future of sub-regional working in October 2010.
Alcohol Control – review of licensing across the County	In October 2010, the OSB agreed to defer consideration of this proposal until the completion of the Drug and Alcohol Management Task Group, which was also considering licensing practices across the Council.	<p>Given the significant changes to licensing legislation contained in the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Bill, which is working its way through Parliament, the Drug and Alcohol Management Task Group decided to postpone a review of licensing in the County until the new legislation is agreed. Once the legislation has been passed, the group will how it could / should be implemented.</p> <p>Communities OSC considered the effectiveness of and outcomes achieved through the Alcohol Implementation Plan at its meeting in June 2011.</p>
One Front Door and Leaner Processes and e-delivery and e-communications	In October 2010, the OSB requested a report in relation to this, rather than commissioning a Task and Finish Group	<p>OSB received a report at the 10th November 2010 meeting outlining findings from the One Front Door Review.</p> <p>A briefing paper was circulated to the Board in May 2011, providing an update on One Front Door and E-services.</p>
Big Society	In October 2010, the OSB took the view that this proposal was not a priority for Task and Finish Group work	This has not been further considered
Services for All – How do we ensure we deliver to hard to reach groups?	In October 2010, the OSB took the view that this proposal was not a priority for Task and Finish Group work.	This has not been further considered

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The future for Performance Management and Business Planning	In October 2010, the OSB took the view that this proposal was not a priority for Task and Finish Group work.	This has not been further considered
Locality Working	In October 2010, the OSB decided that this proposal should be reconsidered at a future date dependent on the outcome of the Locality Review.	This has not been further considered