

Overview and Scrutiny Board – 20 December 2011

Work Programme and Scrutiny Review Progress Report

Recommendation

That the Overview and Scrutiny Board considers:

- the draft work programme at Appendix 1 and amends as appropriate
- Comments on the progress of the scrutiny reviews

1. Draft Work Programme

A draft work programme for the Board is attached for consideration, see Appendix A.

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 C. The Task and Finish Groups that are currently live are:

- Paediatric and Maternity Services
- Older Adult Mental Health Services
- Post 16-Transport (review due to commence January 2012)

3. Forward Plan Items

The following items relating to the remit of this committee are currently in the forward plan:

Cabinet 26/01/2012

2012-13 Budget – An Update

To inform Cabinet of any changes to the information in the draft budget proposals in light of the consultation and the Formula Grant Settlement

Q3 Monitoring

This report informs members of the forecast 2011/12 financial and performance position of the authority. It highlights the main reasons for any variations for each service and the impact on the authority's reserves position and the delivery of the medium term financial plan

Property at Bath Place, Leamington EMEMPT

Following the fire at this property in September 2009 and the negotiations for an insurance settlement the report proposes what is to happen to the property

Disposal of Surplus School Sites

This report seeks outstanding permissions to enable the final disposal of vacated school sites and buildings

Declare surplus and dispose of land adjacent to the Montague Road Depot and the former Ridgeway School site EXEMPT

Consideration to declare surplus and dispose of land adjacent to the Montague Road Depot and the former Ridgeway School site

Report to dispose of land at Ilmington for Rural Affordable Housing and Local Market Housing

Report to update previous decision in respect of land at Mabels Farm, Ilmington

Memorandum of understanding between Warwickshire, Coventry City Council and Solihull MBC

To consider forming an agreement with Coventry CC and Solihull MBC on joint working

Cabinet 16/02/2012

Rural Broadband Development Proposals and Local Broadband Plan

As part of the Government Initiative to improve Broadband in rural areas, Warwickshire County Council in partnership with Coventry City Council and Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council are seeking to submit a local broadband plan to BDUK. This will attract up to £4m. government support for this initiative. This report outlines our proposals for supporting the development of Broadband in rural Warwickshire.

Approval of new ICT Strategy

The County Council ICT Strategy has been reviewed as planned at the end of 2011. This document presents the new Strategy and highlights key elements of the Strategy

Adoption of Google Mail Product

As part of the plans to replace our current e-mail system, Warwickshire County Council has led a Cabinet Office G-Cloud Project exploring the potential benefits of adopting a Cloud Computing Solution. This document reports on the results of a pilot of these facilities and will outline the business case for adoption if

the pilot is successful.

4. Dates of Future Meetings

The dates for future meetings of the Board at 2pm are as follows:

25 January 2012

28 March 2012

Report Author: Ann Mawdsley

Head of Service: Greta Needham

Strategic Director: David Carter

Portfolio Holders: Councillors Hayfield, Heatley
and Wright

November 2011

Overview and Scrutiny Board Work Programme 2011/12

MEETING DATE	ITEM AND RESPONSIBLE OFFICER	OBJECTIVE OF SCRUTINY	Performance Management	Holding Executive to Account	Policy Review/Development	Overview	Raising Levels of Educational Attainment	Maximising independence for older people and adults with disabilities.	Pursuing a Sustainable Environment and Economy	Protecting the Community and making Warwickshire a safer place to live	Cross cutting themes/ LAA
25 Jan 2012	Questions to the Portfolio Holders			√							
	Treasury Management Monitoring Report 2010/2011 (Phil Triggs)		√								
	Delegation of Topics Across Scrutiny (Monica Fogarty)	A report giving suggestions on how different topics should be delegated across scrutiny committees				√					√
	Review of Big Society Fund applications	To enable the Overview and Scrutiny Board to comment on the funding applications received and decided upon	√	√		√					
28 Mar 2012	Questions to the Portfolio Holders										
Dates to be fixed	Sub-Regional Programme of Collaboration (Monica Fogarty)										

Briefing Notes		
SUBJECT OF BRIEFING NOTE	OBJECTIVE OF BRIEFING NOTE	COMMENT / FURTHER INFORMATION
Consumer Direct	To update O&S Board Members on changes to Consumer Direct.	<i>Requested from Mark Ryder on 10/11/11</i>
School Transport – Vacant Seats Policy	To update the Board on changes to the Vacant Seats Policy	<i>Requested from Mark Gore on 16/11/11</i>

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 C

Progress on Commissioned Task and Finish Groups

Topic	Reports to Parent Committees	Status	Comments
Hawthorn Ward Cllr Sally Bragg (Rugby BC), Cllr Jerry Roodhouse, Cllr Sid Tooth, Cllr Claire Watson	Health OSC 1.07.2010	Complete	Recommendations referred to PCT and NHS Partnership Trust. Recommendations accepted.
School Exclusions Cllr Carolyn Robbins (Chair) Cllr Ron Cockings, Cllr Robin Hazelton, Cllr Tim Naylor	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 Cllr John Ross (Chair) Cllr Julie Jackson, Cllr David Johnson, Cllr Mike Perry	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) Cllr Martyn Ashford (Chair) Cllr Sarah Boad, Cllr Clare Hopkinson, Cllr Frank McCarney, Cllr Carolyn Robbins, Cllr Jerry Roodhouse, Cllr Sid Tooth, Cllr Claire Watson	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 Cllr Kate Rolfe (Chair) Cllr Mike Gittus, Cllr Barry Longden, Cllr Claire Watson	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 Cllr Dave Shilton (Chair) Cllr Richard Dodd, Cllr Carolyn Robbins, Cllr Helen Walton, Cllr Clare Watson, Cllr Jerry Roodhouse, Cllr Sally Bragg (Rugby BC)	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 Cllr Angela Warner (Chair) Cllr Carolyn Robbins, Cllr Claire Watson	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 Cllr Tim Naylor (Chair) Cllr Carol Fox, Cllr Julie Jackson, Cllr Clive Rickhards, Cllr Angela Warner	Overview & Scrutiny Board 20.07.2011	Complete	Phase 1 recommendations agreed by Cabinet 27.1.2011. Recommendations from Phase 2 agreed by OSB at meeting on 20.07.2011 and are being reported to Cabinet on 08.09.2011.
Public Service Reform Cllr John Ross (Chair) Cllr Jerry Roodhouse, Cllr Sid Tooth, Clive Parsons (Police Authority), Janet Smith (PCT)	Overview & Scrutiny Board 25.05.2011	Complete	Cabinet approved recommendations from Phase 2 at its meeting 30.06.2011.
Household Waste Recycling Centres Cllr Chris Davis (Chair) Cllr Richard Chattaway , Cllr Jeff Clarke, Cllr Barry Lobbett, Cllr Carolyn Robbins, Cllr Ray Sweet	Communities OSC 3.11.2010	Complete	Recommendations forwarded to the Strategic Director and being implemented.
Adult Social Care Prevention Services Cllr Claire Watson (Chair) Cllr Martyn Ashford, Cllr Jeff Clarke, Cllr Jose Compton, Cllr Carol Fox, Cllr Sid Tooth	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 Reablement Cllr Jose Compton (Chair) Cllr Martyn Ashford, Cllr Robin Hazelton, Cllr Kate Rolfe, , Cllr Sid Tooth, Cllr Claire Watson	Adult Social Care and Health OSC 29 June 2011	Complete	Reported to OSC on 29.06.2011 and then on to Cabinet on 14.07.2011.
Supporting the Local Economy Cllr June Tandy (Chair) Cllr Richard Chattaway Cllr Peter Fowler, Cllr David Johnston, Cllr Tilly May, Cllr Chris Williams	Communities OSC 31.08.2011	Complete	Report and recommendations were considered by the Communities OSC on 31.08.2011.

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Waste Disposal Cllr Richard Chattaway (Chair) Cllr Clare Hopkinson, Cllr Barry Lobbett, Cllr John Whitehouse	Communities OSC 31.08.2011	Complete	Report and recommendations being considered by Communities OSC on 31.08.2011.
Quality Accounts Cllr Dave Shilton (Chair) Cllr Peter Balaam, Cllr Jeff Clarke, Cllr Jim Foster, Cllr Sid Tooth, Cllr Angela Warner	Adult Social Care and Health OSC – 07.06.2011	Complete	Single Issue meeting held on 07.06.2011. The Committee's commentary on the Quality Accounts were circulated to providers following the meeting
Paediatric Cardiac Surgery Services in England Cllr Martyn Ashford, Cllr Peter Barnes, Cllr Sarah Boad, Cllr Richard Chattaway	This was agreed "virtually" by the Adult Social Care and Health Overview and Scrutiny Committee	Complete	The response was sent to the Department of Health before the deadline of 5 October 2011
Paediatric and Maternity Services Cllr Peter Balaam (Chair) Cllr Martyn Ashford, Cllr Carolyn Robbins, Cllr Barry Longden, Cllr Sonja Wilson, , Lesley Hill (LINK)	This is expected to report to Adult Social Care & Health OSC in February 2012	Live	A public consultation was scheduled to begin on 5 December seeking views on proposed future model(s) of service delivery. It is now expected to begin in the new year, at a date yet to be determined The role of the T&F Group is not only to formulate a response to the consultation, but also to scrutinise the pre-consultation phase - looking at the process by which the Cluster has established its proposals and determining whether appropriate engagement with stakeholders and service users has taken place.
Older Adult Mental Health Services Cllr Jerry Roodhouse (Chair) Cllr Peter Fowler, Cllr Sid Tooth	Adult Social Care and Health OSC – 15 February 2012	Live	This consultation is expected to commence in the new year. The Task and Finish Group has held initial meetings with CWPT, Arden Cluster and colleagues within Adult Social Services.
Post 16 Transport	To be confirmed	Live	Review to commence January 2012