

REPORT TO	DATE OF MEETING
Scrutiny Committee	22 September 2015



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SUBJECT	PORTFOLIO	AUTHOR	ITEM
Scrutiny Committee Work Programme 2015/2016 and beyond	Not applicable	Darren Cranshaw	10

SUMMARY AND LINK TO CORPORATE PRIORITIES

This report outlines the approach taken to developing the Scrutiny Committee's work programme for 2015/2016 and process for agreeing the programme. It also asks that a standing task group to carry out health scrutiny work on behalf of the committee be created.

As the Scrutiny Committee covers all the Council's activities, this report links with each of the corporate priorities:

- ▶ Clean, green and safe
- ▶ Strong South Ribble in the heart of a prosperous Central Lancashire
- ▶ Strong and healthy communities
- ▶ Efficient, effective and exceptional council

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Agree its work programme for 2015/2016 and beyond
2. Create a standing task group to carry out Health Scrutiny work on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee

DETAILS AND REASONING

Each year the Scrutiny Committee carries out a number of reviews in addition to its routine scrutiny work which is planned through the Committee's forward plan. Previous Scrutiny reviews have included:

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| ▶ External Communications | ▶ Welfare Reform |
| ▶ Empty Properties | ▶ Drainage and flooding |
| ▶ Worden Park | ▶ NHS Healthchecks |
| ▶ Planning | ▶ Loneliness & Social Isolation Affecting Older People |
| ▶ Health Inequalities | |

The key findings from these reviews and the difference the reviews have made were reported in the Scrutiny Committees 'End of Term Report 2011-2015' (easy web-link: <http://bit.ly/1HGqJWi>).

Consultation

To help the Committee concentrate on the key areas of need and where it can make most difference, the Scrutiny Committee carried out research on the important issues affecting the Borough and also consulted widely to gather suggestions for its work programme.

As part of the consultation, the Committee has engaged with the following:

- ▶ Residents
- ▶ Councillors
- ▶ Cabinet Members
- ▶ Group Leaders
- ▶ Senior Management Team
- ▶ Employees
- ▶ South Ribble Partnership
- ▶ Parish/Town Councils
- ▶ Key Partners in South Ribble

Outcome of Consultation

As a result of the above research, the following suggestions have been put forward for the Scrutiny work programme (in no particular order):

- ▶ Council property assets:
 - Civic Centre
 - Worden Arts & Craft Centre and Derby Wing
 - Investment Property Portfolio
 - External use of Banqueting Suite and Catering Service
- ▶ Road Casualties and Road Deaths in South Ribble
- ▶ North West Ambulance Service
- ▶ Affordable Housing
- ▶ Outside Bodies
- ▶ Your People's Services
- ▶ Voluntary, community and faith sector infrastructure
- ▶ Enforcement (dog fouling, litter)
- ▶ Patient transport contract
- ▶ Speed limits on roads and 20MPH zones
- ▶ Care and Nursing Home provision and future sustainability
- ▶ Housing needs
- ▶ Highway maintenance
- ▶ United Utilities and cryptosporidium
- ▶ Combined Authorities
- ▶ E-cigarettes
- ▶ Partnership working between the Council and Lancashire County Council
- ▶ Shared Services
- ▶ On-street parking enforcement
- ▶ School Admissions in the Leyland area
- ▶ Access to GPs, appointments and 7-day health service
- ▶ Policy on pest control and bees
- ▶ Availability of beds at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust

Any further suggestions received following agenda despatch will be tabled at the Scrutiny Committee meeting.

Selection Criteria

In prioritising the above suggestions to agree the top topics for reviewing, the Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the following selection criteria:

- ▶ It relates to the Council's priorities
- ▶ It concerns the performance of a service or organisation
- ▶ It is of wider public or councillor concern
- ▶ It has budgetary implications
- ▶ The issue contributes to the Corporate Plan

- ▶ It is an issue about which something can be done and to which the Scrutiny Committee can add value and make a difference
- ▶ It is an External Audit concern
- ▶ The issue contributes to the Community Strategy
- ▶ It is related to Government legislation or possible new legislation which is like to impact on the Council
- ▶ Does it have a potential impact on one or more sections of population / or a wide impact

The Scrutiny Committee is asked to consider the suggestions put forward and to agree their work programme for the remainder of 2015-2016 and beyond.

Health Scrutiny Protocol

The Scrutiny Committee has an agreed health scrutiny protocol with key health partners in South Ribble which agrees an approach to scrutinising health issues in the Borough.

In order to continue to develop and carry out health scrutiny effectively, it is proposed to create a standing health scrutiny task group to carry out this role on behalf of the Scrutiny Committee. This will allow a number of Scrutiny Members to build up the necessary expertise, knowledge and relationships with the health sector to champion health on behalf of the Council and our residents.

The standing task group would operate in the same way as other task groups created by the Scrutiny Committee and follow the agreed processes in the Scrutiny Handbook and procedure manual.

The Scrutiny Committee is therefore asked to create this standing task group and agree the membership of the task group for the remainder of the council year.

WIDER IMPLICATIONS

In the preparation of this report, consideration has been given to the impact of its proposals in all the areas listed below, and the table shows any implications in respect of each of these.

FINANCIAL	None as a result of this report. All costs will be met from within existing agreed budgets.		
LEGAL	None as a result of this report.		
RISK	There are risks around selecting a manageable work programme that can be delivered within the resources and capacity available. This will be assessed as part of the review scoping for each review.		
THE IMPACT ON EQUALITY	None as a result of this report. The consultation included asking protected characteristic groups for their views. Each review will consider equality and diversity as part of the review scoping.		
OTHER (see below)			
<i>Asset Management</i>	<i>Corporate Plans and Policies</i>	<i>Crime and Disorder</i>	<i>Efficiency Savings/Value for Money</i>

<i>Equality, Diversity and Community Cohesion</i>	<i>Freedom of Information/ Data Protection</i>	<i>Health and Safety</i>	<i>Health Inequalities</i>
<i>Human Rights Act 1998</i>	<i>Implementing Electronic Government</i>	<i>Staffing, Training and Development</i>	<i>Sustainability</i>

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

- ▶ Scrutiny Committee End of Term Report 2011-2015
- ▶ Scrutiny Committee Handbook
- ▶ Scrutiny Committee Health Protocol
- ▶ Individual consultation comments