

Corporate Performance Management, Efficiency and Effectiveness Scrutiny Committee – 18th June, 2014

Report of the Lead Officer and the Director of Corporate Resources

Annual Scrutiny Programme 2014/15

Purpose of Report

1. To note the items proposed and suggested for inclusion in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15.

Background

2. As in 2013/14, meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled, on the dates below, primarily to facilitate consideration of the quarterly performance management reports and the detailed scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals in November - .
 - Thursday, 4th September, 2014 – 6pm
 - Tuesday, 18th November, 2014 – 6pm
 - Tuesday, 24th February, 2015 – 6pm
3. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board will formally endorse the Annual Scrutiny Plan at its meeting on 11th June, 2014. The item proposed for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15 is:
 - The Work and Priorities of the West Midlands Police and Crime Commissioner
4. Arising from the consultation held a Member has identified a further potential scrutiny item for consideration. This relates to services provided by the Council that are shared between Directorates (eg Print Services, Public Relations, Human Resources etc). The scrutiny would involve consideration of the corporate use of shared services of this nature.
5. Subject to the approval of the Board it is being recommended that this topic be included in the work programme of the Committee. If approved the Lead Officer of this Committee, in consultation with the Chair, will develop the scope of the review for consideration later in the municipal year. The decisions of the Board will be reported to the Committee.
6. Appendix 1 gives more detailed information on the topic set out in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15 as referred to in paragraph 3 above.

Finance

7. The costs of operating the revised scrutiny arrangements will be contained within existing budgetary allocations.

Law

8. Scrutiny Committees are established in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972 and the requirements of the Council's Constitution, which was adopted under the Local Government Act 2000, subsequent legislation and associated Regulations and Guidance.
9. The Police and Justice Act 2006 gives the Council powers to scrutinise the work of the Crime and Disorder Reduction Partnership and the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 enables local authorities to scrutinise other partners. Much of this legislation has now been consolidated in the Localism Act 2011.

Equality Impact

10. Provision exists within the recommended scrutiny arrangements for overview and scrutiny to be undertaken of the Council's policies on equality and diversity.

Recommendation

17. That the issue contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15, as referred to in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1, be noted together with the suggested topic referred to in paragraph 4 above.



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List of Background Papers

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