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**Adult, Community and Housing Services Scrutiny Committee – 7th July, 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 and make any recommendations as to items to be scrutinised to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

**Background**

2. As in 2013/14, meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled, on the dates below, primarily to facilitate consideration of detailed scrutiny reviews and the detailed scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals in November - .
  - Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> September, 2014 – 6pm
  - Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> November, 2014 – 6pm
  - Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> January, 2015 – 6pm
  - Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2015 – 6pm
3. The Adult, Community and Housing Services Scrutiny Committee will formally endorse the Annual Scrutiny Plan at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. The items proposed for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2014/15 are:
  - The Housing Futures Board
  - Dudley MBC's readiness to implement the Care Act in April, 2015
4. 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**

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

**Law**

6. 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.

7. 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**

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

### **Recommendation**

9. That the issues contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2014/15, as referred to in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1, be noted.
10. That any additional items to be scrutinised be recommended to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.



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### **List of Background Papers**

**Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 11<sup>th</sup> June, 2014 – Annual Scrutiny Programme 2014/15**