

Resources and Transformation Scrutiny Committee – 18th June, 2015

Report of the Lead Officer and the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)

Annual Scrutiny Programme 2015/16

Purpose of Report

1. To note the items included in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2015/16.

Background

2. Meetings of this Scrutiny Committee have been scheduled, on the dates below, primarily to carry out the reviews that are allocated to them and to undertake detailed scrutiny of the Council's revenue budget proposals in November -

- Monday 14th September, 2015 – 6.00pm
- Tuesday 17th November, 2015 – 6.00pm
- Monday 18th January, 2016 – 6.00pm
- Monday 7th March, 2016 – 6.00pm

3. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Board formally endorsed the Annual Scrutiny Plan at its meeting on 10th June, 2015. The items for detailed consideration by this Scrutiny Committee during 2015/16 are:

- The latest Welfare Reforms and their impact upon Dudley
- How we provide improved and more cost effective customer access to Council services through use of Channel Shift

A brief summary of each topic will be provided by the relevant Chief Officer at the meeting.

4. Appendix 1 provides more detailed information on the topics set out in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2015/16, as referred to in paragraph 3 above.

Finance

5. The costs of operating the 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 items contained in the Annual Scrutiny Programme for 2015/16, as referred to in paragraph 3 and Appendix 1, be noted.



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List of Background Papers

Report to Overview and Scrutiny Management Board – 10th June, 2015 – Annual Scrutiny Programme 2015/16