

Scrutiny

Making a difference

A magnifying glass with a black handle and a silver rim is positioned over the word 'Scrutiny'. The lens of the magnifying glass is centered over the letters 't', 'i', and 'n' of the word, making them appear larger and more prominent. The word 'Scrutiny' is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below the word, the phrase 'Making a difference' is written in a smaller, bold, black, sans-serif font.

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK
PROGRAMME 2014/15**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is required to produce and agree a plan of work that it intends to carry out in the forthcoming Municipal Year.
- 1.2 A local consultation process has been undertaken in the development of the work programme with officers, councillors and the public contributing to suggestions.
- 1.3 In developing the work programme, a small group of members discussed the suggestions/ideas put forward which would:-
- Compliment the priorities and work of the Council and its partners
 - Reflect the concerns of the local communities
 - Identify those issues where scrutiny can make the most impact
- 1.4 The Work Programme below outlines the work of the two Committees (Corporate and Partner,) as well as the work to be undertaken by Task and Finish Groups. Taking into consideration officer support requirements, there will only be two Task and Finish Groups at any one time.

2. Cabinet Member Involvement

- 2.1 Cabinet Member involvement in Scrutiny in 2013/14 was extremely worthwhile, especially with their involvement in Task and Finish Groups when Cabinet Members were invited to answer questions, which helped when the Group were putting together their recommendations.
- 2.2 Cabinet Members are also invited to attend a relevant Committee to answer questions from their portfolio service area.

3. Health Scrutiny

- 3.1 The Health Lead for the Council meets bi-monthly with the Rossendale Lead with the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Any issues are discussed and responded to quickly by the CCG. Any proposed changes are discussed at the meeting and if required, partners will be asked to attend a future meeting.

The work programme for both Corporate Scrutiny and Partner Scrutiny is detailed below. Some of the topics for Corporate Scrutiny are regular items taken to the Committee. Policy development is influenced by the Forward Plan although other policy items – non key decision/updates are taken to Committee as required/requested.

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CORPORATE SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
1.	<p>Routine monitoring of the performance of the Council</p> <p>To review on a quarterly basis the Integrated Performance Report and invite officers of the Council to attend a future meeting if there service area is under achieving on its target.</p>
2.	<p>Policy Development</p> <p>a) To deal with emerging policy and assists the Council in reviewing and developing policy as detailed in the Forward Plan b) Review and scrutinise decisions taken internally by the Cabinet, individual Cabinet members or officers of the Council</p>
3.	<p>Budget Scrutiny 2015/16</p> <p>To review the Medium Term Financial Strategy for 2015/16 in February 2015</p>
4.	<p>Complaints/Compliments</p> <p>a) To monitor formal complaints received by the Council b) To monitor Local Government Ombudsman complaints c) To receive information on the number of compliments received for each service area</p>
5.	<p>Councillor Call for Action (CCfA)</p> <p>To deal with any relevant Councillor Call for Action requests and determine the appropriate course of action</p>
6.	<p>Call-In</p> <p>To scrutinise decisions referred under the Call-In Procedure</p>

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PARTNER SCRUTINY COMMITTEE	
1.	<p>30th June meeting 2014 – 1. Dementia Friendly Rossendale 2. Coastal Health Care Ltd (MIU Provider)</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Brian Topping who is leading on the project</p> <p>To receive a presentation from the New Providers of the Minor Injuries Unit at Rossendale Primary Health Care Centre – Coastal Health Care Ltd</p>
2.	<p>8th September meeting 2014 – 1. North West Ambulance Service 2. Head Start – 15 mins presentation 3. Healthwatch</p> <p>To receive a presentation from North West Ambulance Service on response times in Rossendale.</p> <p>To receive a presentation from Head Start who has won the Adult Volunteer of the Year 2013 for the borough of Rossendale and will now progress to the Regional/National stage.</p> <p>HealthWatch – following reduction in staff and if the service has changed.</p>
3.	<p>3rd November meeting 2014 – 1. Crime and Disorder 2. Green Vale Homes</p> <p>Section 19 (1) of the Police and Justice Act requires every local authority to ensure that it has a Committee to review or scrutinise decisions made, or action taken, in connection with the discharge by the responsible authorities of their crime and disorder functions. Within the Council’s Constitution, Partner Scrutiny is the designated Committee.</p> <p>Green Vale Homes (Together Housing), attend on an annual basis to provide the Committee with an update on their work with Rossendale tenants</p>
4.	<p>2nd March 2015 – 1. Review of Leisure Services 2. Rossendale Transport</p> <p>To receive an annual update on the performance of Rossendale Leisure Trust and Community Leisure Association Whitworth (CLAW)</p> <p>To receive an update on the performance of the bus company.</p>

Suggestions from Officers, Councillors and the Public

Topic	Decision
<p>Rossendale Leisure Trust</p>	<p>We already monitor them on an annual basis.</p>
<p>Rawtenstall Town Centre Development Plans</p>	<p>Possible Officer updates via group meetings as and when developments progress.</p>
<p>Current website /PSN Network</p>	<p>It is a mandatory requirement for the Council to comply with the PSN Network.</p> <p>Corporate Scrutiny wish for an update report on PSN network and whether the Council are complying with the audit requirements.</p> <p>Corporate Scrutiny would also like a report on any future plans for the Council's website and its capabilities and how we can use the website and social media more effectively.</p>
<p>Anti -Social Behaviour/crime in the Borough</p>	<p>Whilst we receive an annual presentation from the Police on performance levels, it would be worthwhile to look at this in more depth as Councillors do not receive information or updates on community safety. It is therefore suggested that a Community Safety Task and Finish Group be established.</p>
<p>GP appointments system</p>	<p>Complaints about the appointment systems at GPs. Told to ring at 8am and when they do all appointments have gone.</p> <p>Whilst it is an ongoing problem, not sure how Scrutiny can influence this.</p> <p>This issue will be raised at our CCG joint bi-monthly meetings.</p>

Topic	Reason/Purpose
<p>Worklessness:</p> <p>a) Number of unemployed in the Borough</p> <p>b) Issues of worklessness eg food poverty, foodbanks, ASB etc</p> <p>c) Steps & initiatives locally feeding into the welfare reform regarding the number of interviews job seeking people have to attend</p>	<p>Not sure how Scrutiny could influence this piece of work as all areas are broken down into components and issues are being looked at through numerous channels as follows</p> <p>a) We have already agreed to undertake a Task Group to look at Community Safety</p> <p>b)The Rossendale Action Group's overall purpose is to tackle poverty and deprivation in Rossendale by ensuring that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local people are reached before a crisis • Quality information, advice and support services are available to all Rossendale citizens with an emphasis on financial inclusion <p>c) LCC are looking at foodbanks</p>
<p>Obesity particularly in young people</p>	<p>Public Health Lancashire are undertaking a joint project with Pendle Active East aimed at all ages/families who have not taken part in any exercise.</p>
<p>Number of Fast food outlets in Rossendale</p>	<p>Rossendale has the 2nd lowest number of takeaways in East Lancashire.</p> <p>The Council has an Interim Policy Statement: Hot Food Takeaways which went to Scrutiny in July 2013. We could ask for a further update but otherwise we do not think Scrutiny can influence National policy.</p>
<p>Local Government Transparency Code</p>	<p>This new Code was brought in in May 2014, Corporate Scrutiny to ask that a report be presented to the Committee later in the year to ensure the Council are complying with the Code.</p>
<p>St Vincents</p>	<p>A Task and Finish Group be established to look at how the Council's contribution of (20k) for general homecare and repair and (25k) Affordable Warmth is being spent and ensure that there is appropriate joined up working with other agencies.</p>