

# SCRUTINY

**OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME 2012/13**

**(suggested topics)**

**The work programme for Overview and Scrutiny 2012/13 is shown on the following pages. The programme is aimed at maintaining a strategic and co-ordinated work programme based on major areas of Council and partner organisations' activity.**

**The selection of review topics takes account of what is of direct and significant interest, and what would be timely, relevant and likely to add value. The programme incorporates the routine, on-going work of overview and scrutiny.**

**The Scrutiny Support Officer has consulted with Councillors, Officers within the Council, and the public (through the Council's website, One Stop Shop and Neighbourhood Forums).**

**The work programme will be subject to continual refinement and updating.**

Suggested by	Topic	Can Scrutiny Make a Difference	Accept as Full Review/light touch
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Community Toilet Scheme</b> - could look at the previous decision to roll out the scheme that was piloted to recruit establishments to take part in the Community Public Convenience project that was piloted some years ago.	Not possible to continue due to budget/resources	
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Tourism Strategy</b> -	Still under discussion with the Portfolio Holder	
<b>Officer</b>	<b>Benefit Fraud</b> – which was brought back in-house and could look at: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Performance over last 12mth</li> <li>• What is currently being done to tackle fraud in the Valley</li> <li>• What internal/external fraud awareness is being undertaken</li> </ul>	Could do as T&FG review	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Mayoralty</b> – cost/benefit analysis	Could do a T&FG review	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Dog Warden Service</b>	The contract finishes at the end of April and is currently under review – may be too late for scrutiny	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Waste Disposal</b> – impact on recent closure of Stacksteads and how to improve the existing service	Scrutiny Members could assess what the council is doing to minimise waste, increase recycling rates, reduce waste sent to landfill and to minimise the environmental impact of waste.	

<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Procurement Policy and Commissioning</b>	Contract Management – Did they deliver on their contract and was it as time productive as you had wished – was it value for money? – Need to challenge the way contracts have worked possibly through a T&FG	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Health Hub Referrals</b> – usage of the services provided in the hub	Could do this piece of work as a reserve item if we feel that following meetings with the Commissioning Lead, things are not progressing well.	
<b>Councillors</b>	<b>Security around the Borough</b> – to look at CCTV /crime within the Borough	Could undertake as a T&FG review	
<b>Councillors/Members of the public</b>	Dog Fouling in the Borough and the enforcement of it.  Litter around the Borough	This could be incorporated into a review of <b>Street Cleaning carried over from last year</b>	
<b>Officer</b>	<b>Accommodation</b> – review of Council buildings	Undertake as and when required	
<b>Officer</b>	<b>Welfare Reforms</b> - implications following the new Welfare Reforms Act	Could look at how these impact on the Council through T&FG/light touch review	
<b>Councillor</b>	<b>Community Transport -</b>	<b>Carried over from last year</b>	

## REGULAR TOPICS FOR THE THREE MAIN SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

<b>Topic</b>	<b>Issue</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Committee</b>
<b>Presentations from other outside bodies/partners ie Health, Fire</b>	PCT to give a presentation on the new 'Virtual Ward'	Sue Warburton	O & S Management (Sept)
<b>Community Safety Partnership</b>	Statutory responsibility to scrutinise the work of the Community Safety Partnership/new Police Commissioner	Mike Riley/Chief Inspector Bullas	O & S Management (Dec)
<b>Medium Term Financial Strategy</b>	To review the Medium Term Financial Strategy within the Performance Report and Presentation on the new MTFs at the Feb meeting	Phil Seddon	O & S Management Committee (Feb)
<b>Quarterly Performance Reports</b>	Review on quarterly basis	Liz Sandiford	Performance Scrutiny in June, Sept, Nov and Feb
<b>Leisure Development Update</b>	Annual Review	Mike Riley/Martin Kaye/Christine Ashcroft	Performance Scrutiny in June, November and February
<b>Rosendale Transport</b>	Annual Review	Phil Seddon/Directors of Rosendale Transport	Performance Scrutiny in July, Oct, Jan and March
<b>Green Vale Homes</b>	Annual Review	Amanda Gerrard/Lynn Hurrell	Performance Scrutiny in Sept - confirmed