

Scrutiny Work Programme 2009/10 Municipal Year

The table below gives an outline of the current scrutiny work programme, this shows the topics, which have been carried forward into the current municipal year together with suggestions for new topics to be scrutinised. The scrutiny panel members are mindful of the time restraints for completing scrutiny reviews and the number of topics being proposed for scrutiny has reflected this. Some of the topics being proposed by ECYP could be incorporated within one review, as the original scoping meeting would determine which witnesses to call to ensure that all areas are properly scrutinised. The Strategy Unit have compiled an accompanying report, which sets out how the proposed topics complement the Corporate Priorities and Key Delivery Targets.

Work Programme 2008/09	Topics outstanding	Proposed Topics for 2009/10
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Economic Development, Culture & Leisure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seafront Strategy • Twinning • Expenditure on properties under the Culture Portfolio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twinning (in progress) • Expenditure on properties under the Culture Portfolio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identifying space for visiting exhibitions

Education, Children & Young People

- Attainment in Schools
- Schools' Policies on sending information to separated/divorced parents
- How schools handle Freedom of Information requests

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- Social Care Services – protection of vulnerable children
- Social Care Services – protection of vulnerable young people
- Engagement of parents and other significant adults (e.g. grandparents) in the welfare and education of children
- Levels of intervention by Portsmouth City Council in the lives of young people, children and families
- Provision of education and services to disabled children in secondary education
- Provision of education and services to disabled children in primary education
- Provision of education and services to disabled children at pre-school age
- Discipline and control of unruly children
- Teacher and education worker protection and safety
- Combating the carriage of offensive

		<p>weapons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combating the use and promotion of illicit substances in schools • Sex education in schools and the community
<p><u>Finance & Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Tax Discount for Pensioner Households • Corporate Website & Access Strategy • Public/Employee suggestion Scheme • The Cost of Democracy • The City Councils Use of Consultants • Accommodation in the Civic Offices • Property Portfolio • Business Continuity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Corporate Website & Access Strategy • Public/Employee suggestion Scheme • The Cost of Democracy • The City Councils Use of Consultants (in progress) • Accommodation in the Civic Offices • Property Portfolio • Business Continuity 	<p>The Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel have requested that no other topics are added to the current list as they feel it will be a challenge to get through the existing work programme during the current municipal year.</p>
<p><u>Traffic, Environment & Community Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Lanes • The City Councils contract with Colas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Lanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is enough being done to ensure Councillors safety and well being • How are we performing regarding recycling

Housing & Social Care

- Neighbour Relationships with Private and Social Lets
- Mental Health Housing Provision
- Fraud in the Housing Service
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- Whether to re-commence building council homes
- Allocation of Housing, including LAH's under-occupation policy and its use – The H&SC panel have requested that Fraud in the Housing Service be removed from the current work programme and that Mental Health Housing Provision and the Allocation of Housing Provision be dealt with as part of a review of the allocation of Housing.

<p><u>Health Overview Scrutiny Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hyperbaric Medical Chamber, Royal Hospital Haslar • St Mary's Health Campus • Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies • Respite Care • Care in the Community • Sexual Health 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies 	<p>The HOSP will be better informed of the topics to be scrutinised following their meeting of 9 September when the panel members and co-optees receive reports on areas of concern within the local health economy.</p>
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