

Provisional Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11 Municipal Year

The work programme for the themed scrutiny panels is scheduled to be determined at the Scrutiny Management Panel meeting held on 1 July 2010. The table below shows the outstanding topics that have been carried over from 2009/10 and the new topics that have been suggested for 2010/11.

Topics carried over from 2009/10	Suggested topics for review during 2010/11
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Economic Development, Culture & Leisure</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expenditure on properties under the Culture Portfolio (in progress March 2010) • Economic Regeneration & Development • Allotments managed by the City Council 	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Education, Children & Young People</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protection of vulnerable children (to incorporate the executive summary of baby AB case) (review complete – report being prepared for submission to future cabinet meeting - June 2010) • Teacher & Education worker protection and safety • How schools handle Freedom of Information requests • Discipline and control of unruly children (carried over from 2008/09) • Schools' policies on sending information to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent absence

<p>separated/divorced parents (carried over from 2008/09)</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Finance & Resources</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public/employee suggestion scheme • Cost of democracy • Corporate website & access strategy • Accommodation in the civic offices • Property portfolio • Business continuity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Finance & Resources Scrutiny Panel have requested that no other topics are added to their current list as they feel it will be a challenge to get through the existing work programme during the current municipal year (09/10) this was agreed by SMP • In the event of the F&R scrutiny panel being subsumed, SMP may wish to consider how the outstanding topics are to be dealt with
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Traffic, Environment & Community Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cycle Lanes (carried over – the panel had an input into the cycle strategy and were satisfied that a full scrutiny revue was not relevant at this time) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20 MPH speed limit across the city • Fluoridation of the water supply (this is already part of a watching brief by HOSP as the Judicial Review from Southampton is believed to be due to report soon) • Cold Calling
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Housing & Social Care</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocation of Housing, including Local Authority Housing's under-occupation policy and its use. This review will also incorporate the outstanding work programme items of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No topics suggested although the panel feel it would be appropriate to consider a social care issue as the previous topics have concentrated on housing issues

mental health housing provision and allocation of housing provision. (in progress – due to consider draft report June 10)

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- Fluoridation of Drinking Water Supplies (this issue has not yet been scrutinised as the Strategic Health Authority has yet to decide on this issue. There is currently a Judicial Review being conducted regarding the decision by Southampton City Council to fluoridate their water supply and this issue is unlikely to be dealt with whilst the Judicial Review is ongoing)
- Alcohol Related Hospital Admissions – the panel are one on nine local authorities in England who have been granted Scrutiny Development Area status by the Centre for Public Scrutiny to conduct a specific review that will help to develop a scrutiny toolkit for the benefit of other local authorities. The review must report their findings by the end of November and the review has involved a wide variety of work shadowing opportunities for the panel.

- To be agreed at their meeting in July 2010