

Provisional Scrutiny Work Programme 2010/11 Municipal Year

The work programme for the themed scrutiny panels for the remainder of this municipal year, is scheduled to be determined at the Scrutiny Management Panel meeting on 4 November 2010, to reflect the current scrutiny priorities. The table below shows the current status of scrutiny reviews and suggested topics that are still outstanding for 2010/11

Current Status of Reviews	Outstanding 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 (final draft of report being compiled) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Economic Regeneration & Development
<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) (report signed off on 28/09/10 and forwarded to Cabinet for consideration) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Persistent absence • 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 separated/divorced parents (carried over from 2008/09)

<p><u>Finance & Resources (functions subsumed by Scrutiny Management Panel)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City Council's Use of Consultants (due to report in late November 2010) 	<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 <p>(are these still priorities, and if so, should they be allocated to other panels to deal)</p>
<p><u>Traffic, Environment & Community Safety</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awaiting allocation of work topic from SMP 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allotments managed by the City Council • 20 MPH speed limit across the city (awaiting outcome of ACPO conference regarding enforcement) • Cold Calling
<p><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 mental health housing provision and allocation of housing provision. (report signed off 19/10/10 and forwarded to 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No suggested topics

the Cabinet for consideration	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Health Overview Scrutiny Panel</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) (being held in abeyance until JR issue is resolved) • 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 in December and the review has involved a wide variety of work shadowing opportunities for the panel. (due to report in December 2010) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See comments below

There are multiple work streams coming through Health Scrutiny at present which are placing considerable constraints on the current Health, Overview & Scrutiny Panel. What scope exists to re-deploy scrutiny members from other panels to assist HOSP in responding to the increased demand in health scrutiny as a result of the proposed changes through the white paper and the current financial state of the local health economy?